

My name is Cordell Affeldt. I am a Pennsylvania public citizen, interested in the Commonwealth's congressional redistricting. I write here as **testimony for the Senate State Government Committee**, and for posting online. I want the congressional redistricting process to be open and fair.

Open Process:

- Please give public notice of the standards and principles you will apply for congressional redistricting, since they are not mandated by the Commonwealth constitution or statute.
- Please make these criteria and values available *before* maps are drawn and presented.
- Please open up a digital portal so citizens can submit maps that can be viewed by *Committee members* and the public.

Fair Process

- Please require congressional districts to:
 - Be of equal population;
 - Be compact;
 - Be contiguous;
 - Not divide city, county, incorporated town, borough, township, or ward unless needed to meet equal population standards;
 - Conform to natural boundaries such as rivers and mountains;
 - Provide racial and language minorities equal opportunity with the entire population to elect candidates of their choosing.
- Or identify the standards set forth in the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act for evaluating proposed maps.
- Please do not purposefully or unduly favor or disfavor an incumbent, a candidate or prospective candidate, or political party.

The Commonwealth has lost one Congressional seat. Official U.S. census data for Pennsylvania have been available for a month. With modern computing software, election district line re-drawing is relatively easy. Your judgment is the paramount factor. May you act with honor to assure voters genuine choice.