

"I am Willem van den Berg, a resident of Howard Borough, in Centre County. I have lived in Centre County since 1980.

First let me say that I wholeheartedly support the principles expressed in the Redistricting Advisory Council's draft statement regarding Pennsylvania's new Congressional districts:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Redistricting-Advisory-Council-Draft-Principles.pdf>

In particular, the Legislature's map should be drawn "from scratch", paying no heed to protecting or punishing any incumbent Representatives.

The population numbers used in determining districts should conform to PA law, which states that: *"no individual who is confined in a penal institution shall be deemed a resident of the election district where the institution is located. The individual shall be deemed to reside where the individual was last registered before being confined in the penal institution, or, if there was no registration prior to confinement, the individual shall be deemed to reside at the last known address before confinement."*

The fairness of the proposed map should be demonstrated by one or more accepted statistical metrics in order to guard against built-in partisan bias and ensure compactness.

A proposed map should be presented to the public in easily understandable format, and the public should have ample time to review and comment on it."

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Bill van den Berg