

Dear Mr. Sembach,

Gerrymandered districts are akin to election fraud because they manipulate who gets elected which leads to voter disenfranchisement and voter apathy. Competitive districts are a necessary healthy part of a functioning democracy.

There are many ways to decide district boundaries starting with a non partisan committee (not politicians) and disclosing maps with enough time for community input.

Politicians choosing their voters is not Democratic. The citizens of PA have asked for changes in the way redistricting is decided in PA but that legislation never came before the house for a vote because the elected politicians don't want to go on record as being against the changes their constituents want but they don't want to change the process that might make their district more competitive.

If you are sincere in creating fair districts use computer programs that do that. If you need any suggestions Moon Duchin of Tufts University would be more than able to assist.

Thank you for soliciting opinions. I only wish I had any faith someone was listening.

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