

Dear Senator Argall, in care of Mr. Sembach:

The majority of Pennsylvania citizens want our voting maps to be fairly drawn, compact and contiguous. The process should also be transparent. I understand the rigor involved in creating these maps, however, as Fair Districts has shown - it can be done using objective criteria. Citizens can do it, following guidelines like not dividing communities or school districts, not crossing geographical boundaries which deprives citizens of the ability to be heard, etc.

- Please open the promised mapping portal so citizens can submit maps to be reviewed by committee members and the public.
- Please share with the public the criteria and values used to evaluate maps before those maps are drawn and presented, especially if you deviate from the values outlined in the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act.
- Please review the testimony that Fair Districts of PA submitted at the very first hearing, particularly with reference to Art I Section 29, the approved constitutional amendment which protects the voting rights of racial and language minorities and conforming district boundaries to natural boundaries (like rivers and mountains.)
- With so many sample maps showing these criteria can be used effectively to create maps that reinforce the mandate of One Person - One vote; you should be able produce a draft map in a timely way, allowing for the prescribed review time which citizens are mandated and deserve.
- Please consider my comments as testimony and feel free to post it online.

Thank you for your consideration,
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