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July 1, 2011

The Honorable Mike Beebe  
Governor of Arkansas  
**ATTN: Mr. James Miller**  
State Capitol Building, Room 250  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**RE: Carroll County Apportionment**

Dear Governor Beebe:

I have been asked by Carroll County Judge Sam Barr and the Carroll County Quorum Court to respectfully request every consideration be given to preserving Carroll County in its entirety in both house and senate districts. Your consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Lavery".

Randy Lavery  
State Senator  
District 2

RL:lr

cc: The Honorable Mark Martin – Secretary of State  
The Honorable Dustin McDaniel – Attorney General  
Mr. Joe Woodson, Jr. – Arkansas Board of Apportionment

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June 30, 2011

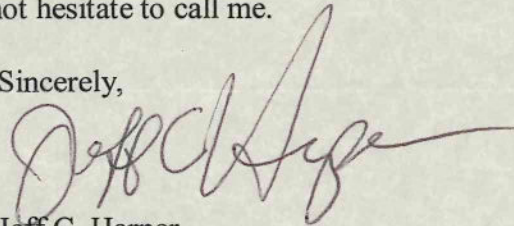
Joe Woodson, Jr.  
Redistricting Coordinator  
Arkansas Board of Apportionment  
Suite 160, Victory Building  
1401 West Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Woodson:

Enclosed is Resolution No. 69-11 which was passed by Springdale City Council on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 supporting the Senate redistricting labeled "May 4 Version Senate Northwest."

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Jeff C. Harper  
City Attorney

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Enclosure

**RESOLUTION NO. 69-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY  
OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS URGING ADOPTION OF  
THE SENATE REDISTRICTING LABELED "MAY 4  
VERSION SENATE NORTHWEST."**

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the attention of the City Council for the City of Springdale, Arkansas that the State is in the process of redistricting State House and Senate seats within the State of Arkansas;

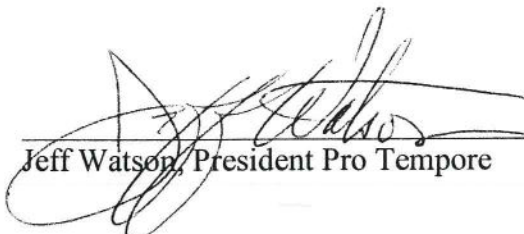
**WHEREAS**, based on the 2010 census, the City of Springdale is now the fourth largest City in the State and in the past ten years, Springdale has grown by over 50% to approximately 70,000 people, and that increase translates to 24,000 people, by far the largest numeric growth in the State of Arkansas since the 2000 census;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Springdale, Arkansas has reviewed several proposals for redistricting, and urges adoption of the "May 4 Version Senate Northwest;"

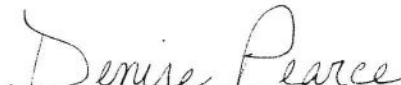
**WHEREAS**, some of the proposals would carve up the City of Springdale into three or four pieces that would simply be used as "filler" for other State Senate Districts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS**, that the City urges passage of the redistricting map labeled "May 4 Version Senate Northwest," which is the best option for the City of Springdale and its surrounding communities.

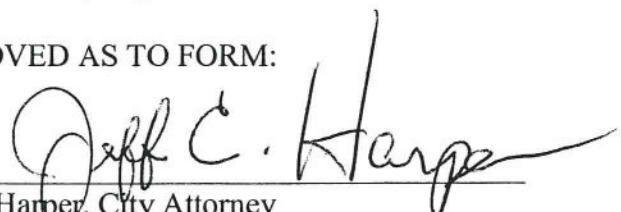
**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 28th day of June, 2011.

  
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Jeff Watson, President Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

  
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Denise Pearce, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Jeff C. Harper, City Attorney

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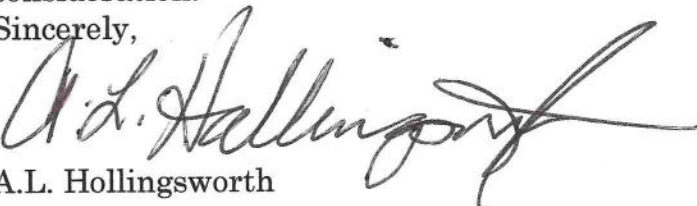
June 28, 2011

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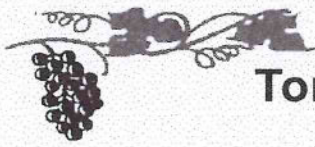
Dear Mr. Woodson,

As a resident of Springdale, I am writing today to ask all of the Springdale School District be kept within a single state senate district. This includes the towns of Elm Springs, Tontitown, and Johnson. It will cut down on any confusion as to who anyone's state senator is. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



A.L. Hollingsworth



City of  
**Tontitown, Arkansas**

June 21, 2011

City of Tontitown  
P.O. Box 305  
Tontitown, AR 72770

Joe Woodson, Jr.  
Redistricting Coordinator  
Arkansas Board of Appointment  
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Little Rock, AR 72201

We are writing to express our concerns about the way that the new state senate districts will be drawn in the upcoming redistricting. The people of Tontitown are alarmed at the possibility that they could be included at the tail end of a Benton County state senate district and that their needs could be superseded by the needs of Benton County.

We currently have partners in the towns of Springdale, Johnson, and Elm Springs. We share common goals and aid each other as needs arise. As such, it would be logical for these neighboring Washington County towns to remain in a single state senate district. As the members of the city council of Tontitown, we feel it would be in our best interest to keep this community of interest intact.

I commend your service to the state, especially in undertaking this daunting task. It is citizens like you who make the system work the way it should.

Respectfully,

David Bolinger, Ward 1 Position 1

Arthur Penzo, Ward 2 Position 1

Julie Bowling, Ward 3 Position 1

Henry Piazza, Ward 1 Position 2

Bobby Pianalto, Ward 2 Position 2

Mike Zulpo, Ward 3 Position 2

Dear Mr. Woodson,

Map one of the Southwest House District from May 27<sup>th</sup> I think is the best version presented to the people. Map two is bad. Map three is ok. This makes economical sense for our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barbara Rosson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barbara Rosson

6-23-11

Dear Mr. Woodson,

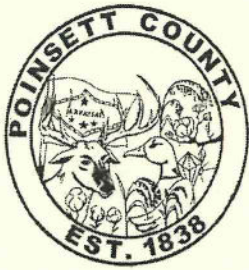
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I do realize as well that version 3 leaves out the Southeast corner from the whole of Little River County. That is probably good that way for their representation. I think version 1 would be best, but version 3 would be ok and version 2 is bad. I hope that you will take this into consideration.

Sincerely,

Marc Bosson





*County of*

**POINSETT**

**Charles Nix**  
**Poinsett County Judge**

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July 1, 2011

Mr. Joe Woodson, Jr.  
Redistricting Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Woodson:

It is my understanding that because of the results of the 2010 Census, Representative District 56, which is Poinsett County, no longer has the population to remain a district in and of itself.

I think that it is very important and in the best interest of the citizens of Poinsett that the county remain intact as it currently is. This could be done by adding area to District 56 for the required population, rather than dole the county out to other areas.

Poinsett is primarily a rural agricultural county without a single large population center. Fragmenting the county would make it that much more difficult for residents to have a single and united voice in legislative matters that could affect them.

On behalf of the citizens of Poinsett, thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Charles Nix  
Poinsett County Judge

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I do not think ethnic orgin should play a part in the redistricting of Springdale or any other place. We are US citizens. It will create a greater divide than is already present. Thank you for your time.

**Joe Woodson, Jr.**

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**From:** Donna Parker <dandjparker@att.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 10, 2011 11:05 PM  
**To:** Joe Woodson, Jr.  
**Subject:** Redistricting maps

Thank you, Joe, for all the information and visuals you made available at UAFS this past week. I now more clearly realize the difficulty of this task. From the comments that were made during the meeting, I am hopeful that you agree with the need to keep Van Buren and Crawford County together as a district.

I appreciate the work you and other members of the Board are doing. If you have any questions that officials from the City of Van Buren might be able to answer, please don't hesitate to contact Mayor Freeman's office.

Donna Parker  
Alderman, City of Van Buren

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

We do not need a country within a country think about what you are doing...how much more can the working person give? This country needs common sense, just common sense.

**Joe Woodson, Jr.**

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**From:** Bob Freeman <bfreeman@vanburencity.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 08, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** Joe Woodson, Jr.  
**Subject:** Redistricting Meeting

Joe,

Again my thanks for your hard work on this issue. I thought you did a very good job of explaining the process and using the maps as discussion points. You did an excellent job of not coming off as in favor of any, defensive of any work, but more trying to learn what were the concerns and what would make the maps better. I know that is your goal and I hope we can get there. It's easy for us to throw rocks at something we don't like, but it is like the saying "Where were we when the page was blank?" I realize that we all are not going to be perfectly happy with the end result but we all will have to give some for the good of the whole. I read three of the transcripts from other meetings before I went last night and that is why I thank you for your patience and efforts.

Bob Freeman  
Mayor  
City of Van Buren

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Dear Sirs:<br>I am responding to the idea I am hearing about in the news of a special "Hispanic District" in Northwest Arkansas (where I live). I am having trouble understanding why politicians feel they need to go out of their way to prove how "inclusive" they are, when they are actually having the opposite effect of their stated intentions. It is only proving that they continue to divide people according to race. Most of us have moved past that thinking and think of people as "Americans" and "Arkansans" and therefore not separated by race or any other class. This is only furthering the "us vs. them" mentality in society and causing further racial strain that is totally unnecessary. It is only hurting the very people they are pretending to help. Nothing stops Hispanics from recruiting and running a Hispanic candidate in Arkansas if they think they need some special representation, but we should be encouraging people to think of themselves as "Americans" and "Arkansans," rather than "Hispanics" or "Whites" or any other separate class.<br>Thank you for listening to my views on this matter, and I hope you will take them into consideration.

Contact Board of Apportionment

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

<br>Gentlemen:<br><br>Don't start setting up ethnic districts. We are all  
Americans, not hyphenated Americans, and our Constitution doesn't call for voting  
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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Dear Sirs: <br><br>I have been a voter of Arkansas for over 30 years - during that time I have voted for how the candidate aligns with my views on the ISSUES, not on their ETHNICITY. Why, then, Sir, as an Arkansan, am I asked to accept a House District that is based upon a person's ethnicity?<br><br>Perhaps you can enlighten me. <br><br>Best regards, <br><br>Pam Bird<br>Rogers, Arkansas