

June 3, 2011

Dear Members of the Board of Apportionment,

I have reviewed the May 4<sup>th</sup> Senate Redistricting map for Northwest Arkansas and I have great concerns because:

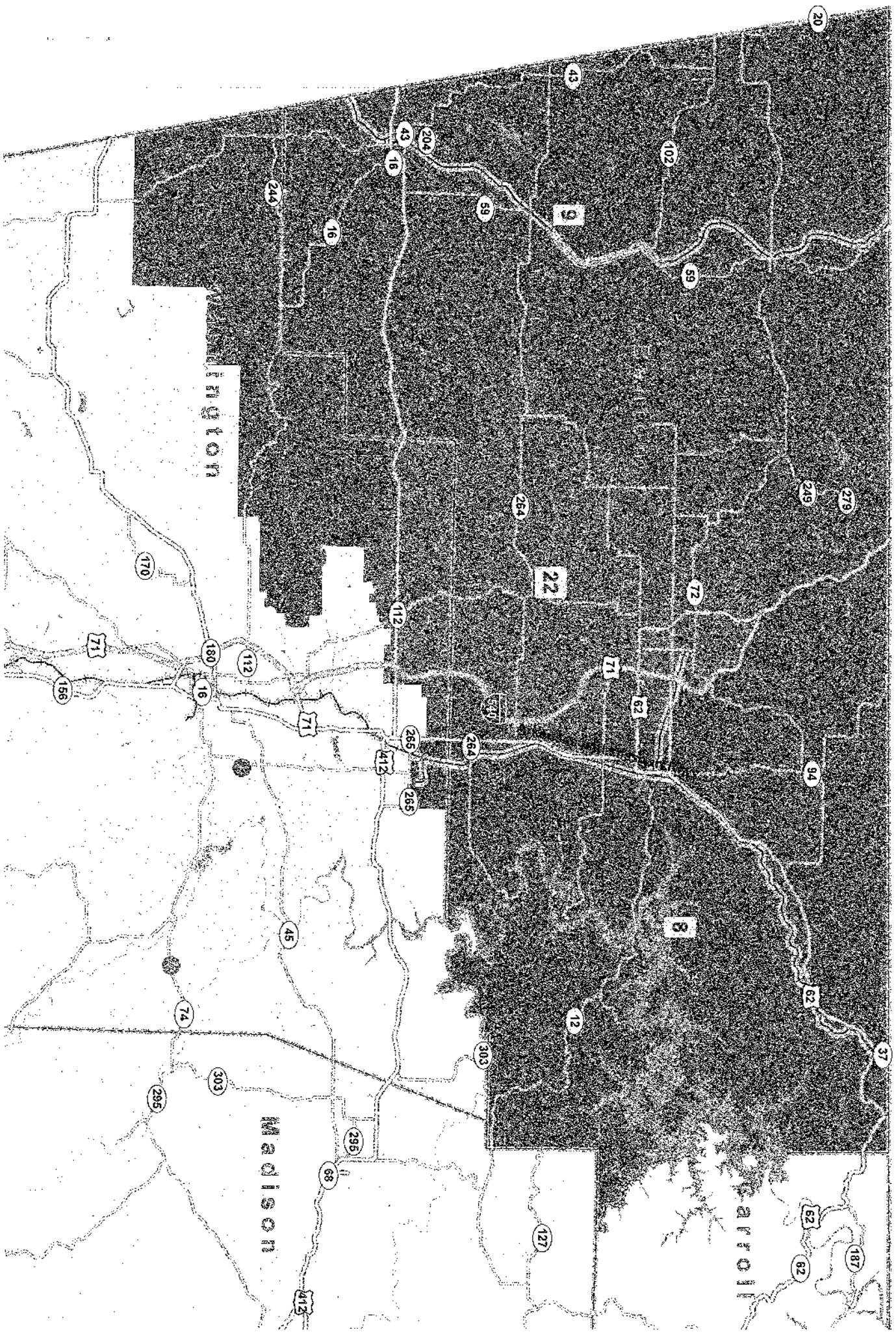
1. Most egregious is that this map fragments the Third Congressional District and, specifically, it fragments Benton and Washington Counties. It does this by unnecessarily stretching the state Senate Districts into multiple counties, in some instances, instead of making them more compact as would be logical in an area with the growth in population, as we have had in Benton and Washington counties.
2. Common interest that one would expect in such proximity has been ignored such as the trade district. (The trade district of Avoca, Garfield, and Gateway is Rogers not Harrison.)
3. The map unnecessarily divides the mix of urban and rural that we now enjoy. In the May 4<sup>th</sup> map, it is generally urban OR rural.
4. Without reason, this map destroys long-term relationships with Legislators. An area in the second most populous county in Arkansas should not be represented by a Senator who lives a county or two away.

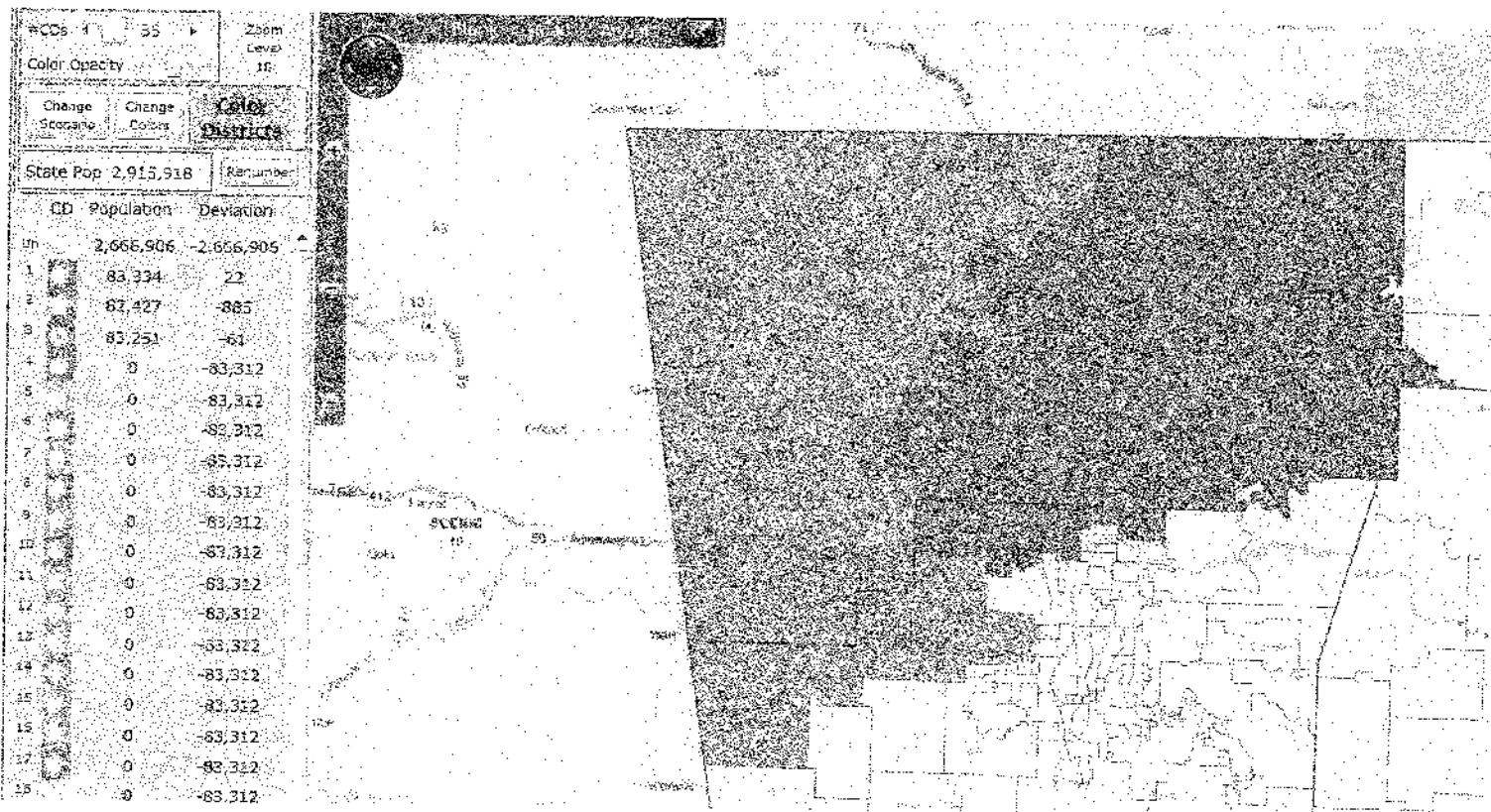
I believe this map, May 4<sup>th</sup>, is not in the best interest of the Northwest Arkansas and therefore, I cannot support it.

However, the proposal for the redistricting of Senate District 8, which I will be presenting, will meet the objectives of being compact, contiguous and representing the one-man one vote principle and it also provides a district that represents both urban and rural areas.

Sincerely,

Senator Cecile Bledsoe





**REDISTRICTING (5/20/11)**  
**NEW SEN. DIST. - BENTON CO.**

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>BENTON PCTS.</b>	<b>2010 CENSUS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
2				
3	18	861		
4	19	761		
5	21	2001		
6	32	2440		
7	33	2833		
8	34	4008		
9	35	2168		
10	36	9425		
11	37	5364		
12	38	4052		
13	39	2568		
14	40	1360		
15	41	2163		
16	42	2646		
17	43	1200		
18	44	5398		
19	45	2890		
20	46	2620		
21	47	1214		
22	56	2815		
23	57	1651		
24	58	5999		
25	64	4969	70187	
26				
27	<b>WASH. PCTS.</b>			
28	Elm Springs	2414		
29	Tontitown	1606		
30	Spgdle 22	63		
31	Spgdle 21	733		
32	Spgdle 11	3358		
33	Spgdle 14	2956		
34	Spgdle 7	1720	12850	
35				
36	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>83037</b>	<b>DEV. (275) .33%</b>

**REDISTRICTING**  
**CURRENT SENATE 9 (5/20/11)**

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>BENTON PCTS</b>	<b>2010 CENSUS</b>	<b>BENTON TOT.</b>		
2					
3	1	948			
4	2	1141			
5	3	4482			
6	4	429			
7	5	3162			
8	6	4193			
9	7	1987			
10	8	2817			
11	9	5928			
12	10	2664			
13	11	3989			
14	12	792			
15	13	531			
16	14	1435			
17	15	1201			
18	16	401			
19	17	856			
20	20	848			
21	22	10265			
22	23	1194			
23	24	3069			
24	25	3262			
25	26	3636			
26	27	4007			
27	28	3551			
28	29	3252			
29	30	4943			
30	70	1919	76902		
31					
32					
33					
34	<b>WASH. PCTS.</b>		<b>WASH. TOT</b>		
35	Illinois	853			
36	Wedington	871			
37	Wheeler	1587			
38	Litteral	1544			
39	Harmon	1870	6725		
40					
41					
42	<b>TOTAL</b>		83627	<b>DEV. +315 .38%</b>	

**REDISTRICTING**  
**CURRENT SENATE 8 (5/20/11)**

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>BENTON PCTS</b>	<b>2010 CENSUS</b>	<b>BENTON TOT.</b>		
2					
3	31	1795			
4	48	7324			
5	49	2049			
6	50	1747			
7	Old 84 now 51	1230			
8	52	3251			
9	53	1136			
10	54	1948			
11	55	1848			
12	59	1137			
13	60	3270			
14	Old 85 now 61	1238			
15	62	920			
16	63	2102			
17	65	1794			
18	66	2702			
19	67	1225			
20	68	1241			
21	69	6776			
22	71	2594			
23	72	671			
24	73	1449			
25	74	1901			
26	75	2455			
27	76	2507			
28	77	1646			
29	78	4242			
30	79	6741			
31	80	1490			
32	81	1597			
33	82	371			
34	83	1669	74066		
35					
36	<b>WASH. PCTS</b>		<b>WASH. TOT</b>		
37	Spgdle 1	1855			
38	Spgdle 9	3762			
39	Spgdle 18	2109			
40	Spgdle 20	1572	9298		
41					
42					
43	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>83364 DEV. +52 .06%</b>		



STATE OF ARKANSAS

# House of Representatives

June 14, 2011

REPRESENTATIVE  
Walls McCrary  
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## DISTRICT 15

Counties:  
Part Lonoke  
Part Pulaski

## COMMITTEES

Public Transportation  
Public Transportation and Rail  
Subcommittee

Agriculture, Forestry and Economic  
Development  
Vice Chairperson, Parks and Tourism  
Subcommittee

Joint Performance Review

Legislative Joint Auditing

Mr. Joe Woodson  
Arkansas Board of Apportionment  
Victory Building, Suite 160  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Joe:

In regard to the re-districting process, I would like to request that District 15 in Lonoke County be allowed to remain with its current legislative boundaries for the House of Representatives. According to the 2010 census, the actual population count of District 15 is 29,068, and the ideal population count for re-districting consideration is 29,159.

District 15, as it now stands, meets all the requirements for an ideal district. Besides meeting the population requirements, the district represents like-minded rural, small-town, agricultural interests. No city in this district is currently split, and all cities are working together for the good of all. Also, there is a good minority representation.

I strongly urge you to not change the legislative boundaries of District 15, and to allow us to remain a strong common-interest district.

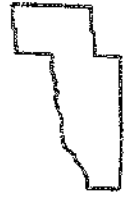
Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Walls McCrary  
State Representative - District 15

**Kevin Smith**  
**HOWARD COUNTY JUDGE**

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870-845-7505 FAX

June 9, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Woodson,

As Howard County Judge, I would like to ask your consideration in re-establishing Howard County as a whole.

It is my opinion, that the County would be united under one representative. I also, feel that it would be much more effective for one representative to address our needs in Howard County. In considering this matter, know that I am not supporting any particular party or representative.

I do hope the board reviews the criteria and agrees that the best interest of the County would be to unify the County again in its entirety. Keeping similar populations together and school districts together is consistent with the BOA drawings.

I would appreciate your consideration in re-districting Howard County into one District. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Smith".

Kevin Smith  
Howard County Judge



REPRESENTATIVE

Jon Woods  
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Springdale, Arkansas 72766-8082

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DISTRICT 93

Counties:  
Part Washington County

COMMITTEES

Public Health, Welfare and Labor

Insurance and Commerce

Legislative Joint Auditing



STATE OF ARKANSAS

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June 12, 2011

Members of the Board of Apportionment

I have prepared this statement due to an unexpected scheduling conflict. I had planned to be at the forum when it was originally scheduled for the seventh.

However it is time to hear from the city council members, mayors, other elected officials and most important the people. I feel that it is my obligation to inform the board of apportionment that the vast majority of citizens of Northern Washington County would prefer a state senate seat comprised of the communities of Johnson, Tontitown, Elm Springs & Springdale.

These four communities share the same school district, work together on many projects, the same water supply, most residents of these areas have a Springdale mailing address and the area is moving towards the same district court jurisdiction. Without any doubt a senate district comprised of these communities would meet the redistricting criteria approved by the courts.

The first and most obvious reason is that these towns comprise a single community of interest:

Preservation of communities of interest describes the goal of maintaining a group of people in a specific geographic area where those individuals share common interests, i.e., common economic, social, cultural, ethnic, religious or even political interest

Also such a district would be Geographically Compact:

Geographically Compact Districts: The Courts have held that geographically compact districts are ideal. For example, a district shaped like a circle or a square would be "geographically compact." In practice, most districts have some irregularity in shape; nevertheless, the more bizarre the district shape, the less likely it is to be approved by the Courts.

Additionally these communities clearly represent the core of the current senate district:

Preservation of the "cores" of existing districts is a redistricting principle. When district lines are re-drawn, the map makers can take into account the existing districts, their geographic location, and the current population. It is better to keep the core of an existing district where possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jon Woods".

Jon Woods  
State Representative District #93

June 11, 2011

City of Springdale  
201 Spring Street  
Springdale, AR 72764

The Honorable Mark Martin  
State Capitol Room 256  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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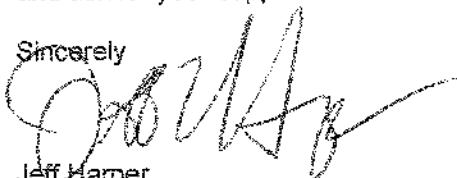
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As the fourth largest city in the state, a state senate district, comprised primarily of the city of Springdale, seems to make sense. I believe the preferred map accomplishes this, in addition to including the surrounding communities of Tontitown, Elm Springs, and Johnson. Our communities share many common interests and concerns. We also share the Springdale School District, water service boundaries, and are moving toward a unified district court system.

Not only do I believe this option is best for Springdale and our surrounding communities, but it makes the most sense for Northwest Arkansas as well. It keeps communities of common interest intact, which aids any senator in advocating for the needs of his/her district. This map also reduces confusion and allows constituents to more easily identify the senator responsible for representing their interests in Little Rock.

Again, I appreciate your consideration of the May 4 Version Northwest Senate Northwest Map and ask for your support of that version.

Sincerely

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Jeff Harper  
Springdale City Attorney

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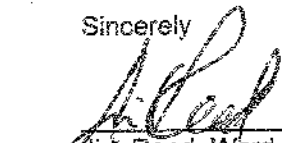
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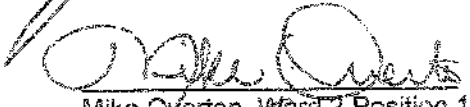
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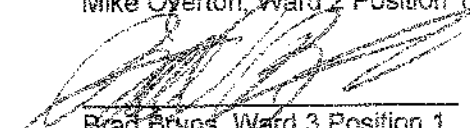
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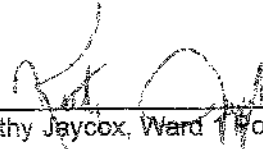
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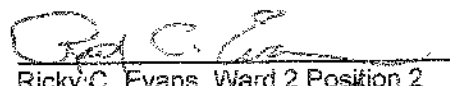
  
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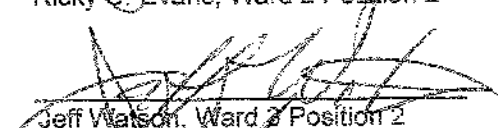
  
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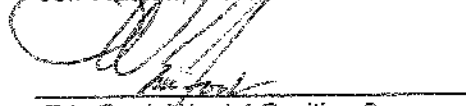
  
Brad Briggs, Ward 3 Position 1

  
Bobby Stout, Ward 4 Position 1

  
Kathy Jaycox, Ward 1 Position 2

  
Ricky C. Evans, Ward 2 Position 2

  
Jeff Watson, Ward 3 Position 2

  
Eric Ford, Ward 4 Position 2

June 11, 2011

City of Johnson  
P. O. Box 563  
Johnson, AR 72741

The Honorable Mark Martin  
State Capitol Room 256  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Martin

We are writing you to express our support of the draft legislative state senate map that includes the City of Johnson together with Tontitown, Elm Springs, and Springdale in the same state senate seat known as May 4 version.

As you know, these cities border each other in Washington County and for that reason share many of the same interests. Over the years we've worked together as neighbors to address the common challenges that we've faced. A great example of this is our cooperation on infrastructure improvements. We also share a common water and sanitation system. Having a state senator who can help address the common concerns of our municipalities, we believe, will help lay the foundation for future growth and success in the region.

Our primary concern is if the City of Johnson were to be included in a district that stretches into Benton County, as other maps reflect, our needs would find themselves at the bottom of a long list of needs stretching over two counties, all the way to the Missouri border.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration.

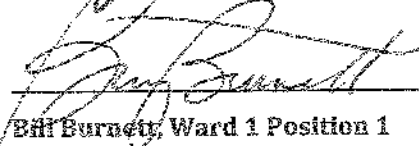
Respectfully Yours,



Buddy Curry, Ward 1 Position 2



Bob Fant, Ward 2 Position 1



Bill Burnett, Ward 1 Position 1



Melissa Tomlinson, Ward 3 Position 1



Tom Bramlett, Ward 3 Position 2



Keith Allen, Ward 2 Position 2

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alderman

Robb Lundstrom  
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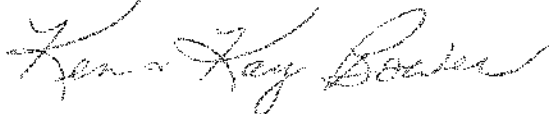
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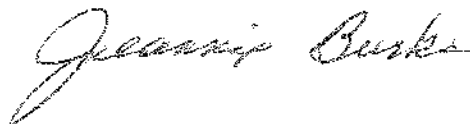
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May 17, 2011

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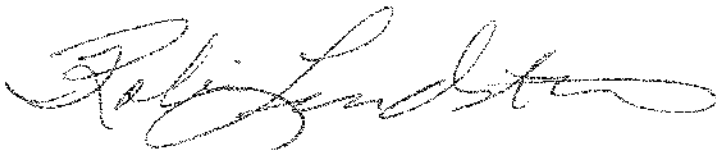
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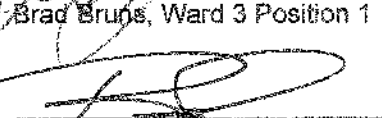
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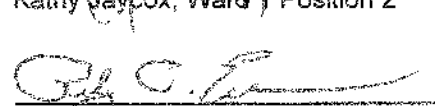
  
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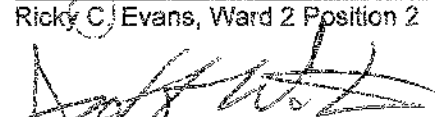
  
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Brad Bruns, Ward 3 Position 1

  
Bobby Stout, Ward 4 Position 1

  
Kathy Jaycox, Ward 1 Position 2

  
Ricky C. Evans, Ward 2 Position 2

  
Jeff Watson, Ward 3 Position 2

  
Eric Ford, Ward 4 Position 2

June 11, 2011

City of Springdale  
201 Spring Street  
Springdale, AR 72764

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

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Springdale City Attorney



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Dean Bitner, Vice-President

Springdale Fire Fighters Association

479-263-3326

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June 6, 2011

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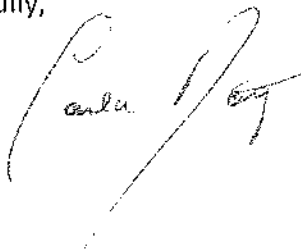
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June 12, 2011

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Arkansas Board of Apportionment  
Suite 160, Victory Building  
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Little Rock, AR 72201

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aubrey McQueen".

Aubrey McQueen  
1445 Spring Creek Ave.  
Springdale, AR 72762

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Little Rock, AR 72201

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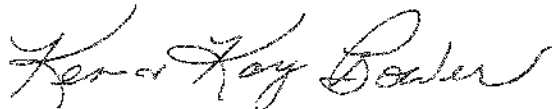
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*Jeannine Burke*  
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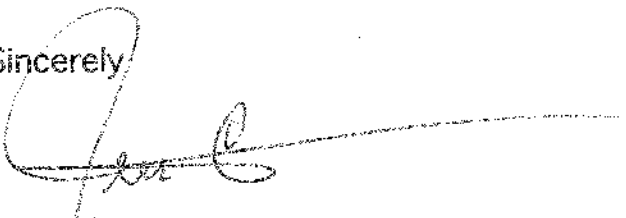
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In other maps that have been making the rounds, the city of Springdale could end up being split as many as four ways in four diverse state senate districts. No other town in Northwest Arkansas is under the threat of being divided four ways and being represented by four different, often inconsistent, philosophies.

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I want to thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this historic event and also for all of the hard work you have provided to this effort. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jesse Core

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Mayor Doug Sprouse

June 3, 2011

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Mr. Mark Martin  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 256  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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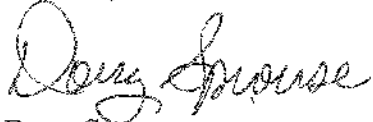
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I want to thank you again for the work you have already done during this difficult and complicated process. As always, if there is anything I can do to help in any way; please do not hesitate to contact my office. You have a standing invitation to join my wife Sandy and me at a Nationals game any time you can work it into your busy schedule. I've got the best seats in the house, right behind the first base dugout. Or, if you prefer, I'm sure we can make arrangements for a box. Just let me know. Again, I appreciate your consideration of the May 4 Version Senate Northwest map, and ask for your support of that version.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Sprouse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Doug Sprouse  
Mayor

The Honorable Mark Martin  
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Little Rock, AR 72201

May 15, 2011

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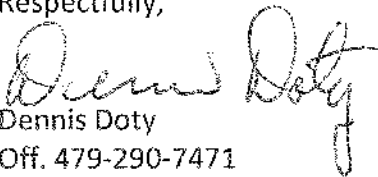
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*334 Scarlett Blvd*  
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Springdale, AR 72764

June 1, 2011

The Honorable Mark Martin  
State Capitol Room 256  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns and; moreover, thank you for your continued service to the people of the state of Arkansas

Sincerely



Tony Keck  
President, Springdale FOP

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*Miranda Taylor*  
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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I ask that you not divide Perry county when redrawing our State Senate Districts. We are a small county that would lose its voice to the larger counties around us. Thank you.

Contact Board of Apportionment

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Last Name: Freeman

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

The Senate District Draft for Northwest Arkansas just keeps getting weirder and weirder. The June 3th map now splits the Eastern part of Benton County along Hwy 62. I have a problem splitting communities between Senators. Now they some area south of 62 in one district and north of Hwy 62 in another. The area is a community with like needs and interests and the areas residence are part of the Rogers Community, we shop there, our children go to school there and our support services, fire and EMS covers the area, as well. The Gateway, Garfield and Avoca areas (including lake area residence) is best served by the Senator who supports Rogers, not one who is spread all over 2 + counties. A second draft mentioned in the paper is even worse. A Wal-Mart district is ridiculous. I also find it unbelievable that the three people who are responsible for the decision are not attending the Town Hall meeting tonight in Fayetteville. Apparently you don't really care to hear what the people in this area prefer

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I send this message as support for version 3 of both the State House and State Senate district maps. Both version threes keep the districts in a more geographic sense and reduces the Gerrymandering of the other maps. This version also places my home county outside of Texarkana's realm of influence. Thank you.

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I am a resident of Clark County. In reviewing House district draft maps I recommend further study that will not split Clark County and the northern part of Nevada County. The communities of Arkadelphia, Gurdon, and Prescott and their economies, industrial recruitment, and schools have been well served by having a common representative. <br>Leave the district as it is. <br>Thank you for your consideration.



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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

One of the main guidelines for drawing districts is not to divide cities if at all possible. However, Blytheville is the largest city in Mississippi County and is also a County Seat and yet it is currently divided and every map to date proposes to divide the city even more. Our county is currently divided with an eastern district along the river and a western district composed of the balance of the county. This division was made to insure the election of a minority candidate in the past. However, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that race cannot be a determining factor in drawing districts.<br>The natural and the fair division of the county would be a northern district and a southern district, thus leaving the City of Blytheville intact in one district.<br>The Blytheville, Gosnell, Armorel, Dell, Manila, and Leachville areas would meet the criteria of 29,125 which you seek to achieve.<br>Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.<br>

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

As a resident and voter in Perry County, I respectfully ask that you not divide Perry county when redrawing our State Senate Districts. We are a small county that would lose its voice to the larger counties around us. We would in essence have no representation. Thank you for your consideration. Mary Wood

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RE: Perry County<br><br>To the Board: <br>Please do not split Perry County into 2 districts. According to the last census Arkansas's population is 2,915,918, which means each of our 35-senate district must contain 83,300 residents plus or minus 5%. Perry County has a population of 10,121 with 6,494 registered voters. If we allow our votes to be split, Perry County will become irrelevant in the State Senate elections. Redistricting under current proposals would decrease Perry County's votes to less than 4% in a senate election. Please consider a new/different plan that would keep all of Perry County in one district.<br><br>Thank you for your time.<br>Kari Drinkwater

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Gentlemen:<br><br>As a resident and city council member of Conway, I urge you to consider the consolidation of the entirety of the city of Conway into the two State House Districts 45 and 46 that currently serve the city. Roughly 200 residents comprise the population of the extreme northeast corner of Conway that has been and remains part of District 42 in the proposed plans thus far.<br><br>Thank you for your consideration.<br><br>Sincerely,<br><br>Mark Vaught, Alderman<br>Ward Two, Position One<br>City of Conway, Arkansas<br>48 Thousand Oaks Circle<br>Conway, AR 72032<br>501.329.0875<br>Mark.Vaught@CityofConway.org<br><http://markvaught.com><br>