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TO: The Honorable Mike Beebe, Governor
The Honorable Dustin McDaniel, Attorney General
The Honorable Mark Martin, Secretary of State
Mr. Joe Woodson, Board of Apportionment

FROM: Senator Jason Rapert

DATE: June 21, 2011

RE: Board of Apportionment / Legislative Redistricting

Gentlemen and Members of the Board of Apportionment:

I am writing in regards to the legislative redistricting process that is now underway in our state. I would like to request that Senate District 18 be allowed to remain with its current legislative boundaries. According to the 2010 census, the population within Senate District 18 is 85,656 and the ideal district size recommended per redistricting guidelines is 83,311. This is only a 2.8% variance from the ideal and is within the limits allowed under the law.

Constituents have contacted me with concern that some of the maps that have been released fundamentally change the makeup of Senate District 18. As the district now stands, it met all of the requirements for an ideal district in 2001 and meets all of those requirements in 2011. Maintaining the working relationships between the counties I have had the honor of representing in Senate District 18 would allow the long term relationships the county and municipal leaders have had with their state senator to continue.

I would ask that you please contact me personally to discuss any issues or plans that you have in mind for Senate District 18 which I currently represent. There have been numerous maps

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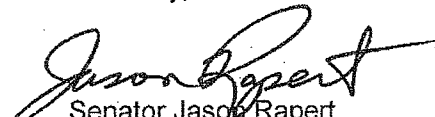
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circulated that directly affect the boundary lines of the current district. With the district being in compliance as is, I would like to know your reasoning behind any changes that may be recommended so that the concerns of my constituents may be fully considered.

If you decide that changes must occur due to issues with neighboring districts, I ask that you please do your best to keep the district homogeneous and not split counties or cities any more than absolutely necessary.

I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


Senator Jason Rapert
Senate District 18

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

Sir, I am concerned about Southwest AR House reapportionment. I have attempted to follow progress of the Board's efforts using this website but it is difficult to determine the most recent status. I find statewide maps labeled May 5, May 10, and May 19 and matrixes that seems to correlate with these proposed maps. I also find three Southwest AR maps labeled Version 1, 2, and 3 dated May 27. I don't find matrix for these maps. Are matrixes for these map versions available? What is the importance of these maps? Is the Board's effort a serial effort or parallel effort i.e. is the map with the latest date the one the Board is going to vote on OR is the Board still considering multiple maps?

Thanks in advance, William

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I am a resident of Clark County. I have reviewed the draft maps for House Districts at the AOB website. All of them split Clark County and the north part of Nevada County. The people of Arkadelphia, Gurdon, and Prescott have been well served by having a common representative. These maps appear to be a way to protect Representative Maunch in Hot Spring County. While I believe the people of Hot Spring County would be better off with a different representative, the people of Clark County would not be served well with him as ours. Governor Beebe, please continue to work to keep our district as it is. Thank you for your consideration

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Your Comments to the Board of Apportionment

I think the tactics being used by the governor and attorney general are reprehensible.

I do agree with the gov. that there will be lawsuits.

I hope they tie him up until the next election.

we need officers of the state who will be fair and transparent. We do not have that in this state governor or attorney general.

June 11, 2011

City of Johnson
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Joe Woodson, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Woodson


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

June 20, 2011

Joe Woodson, Jr.
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the problem of redistricting in our state.

We don't want our votes to be irrelevant. We are small enough in population as it is. Splitting our county's votes in half would do just that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

June 10, 2011

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I am writing in regard to the problem of redistricting in our state.

We don't want our votes to be irrelevant. We are small enough in population as it is.
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Sincerely,

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