September 22, 2021

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson Office of the Governor 500 Woodlane Street, Suite 250 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson,

As community leaders here in Crawford County, we are writing you in your role on the Board of Apportionment as you draw the legislative maps. Crawford County has a population of over 63,000 people and yet we have no state senator who resides in Crawford County. As a result of the redistricting process 10 years ago, our county representation was divided geographically. We respectfully request that a Senate seat be drawn so that Crawford County will be fairly represented at our state Capitol by leadership from within our county.

Our two current senate representatives are certainly fine individuals, and while we do maintain a good working relationship with them, neither have ever lived in our area. Both live over 75 miles away. As leaders from our communities, we believe it is a disservice to our county that we have no representation in the upper chamber. Our ask is that Crawford County be kept whole in a newly drawn Senate map.

In closing we would like to thank you for your valued leadership our fine State and truly appreciate your ongoing support for Crawford County/Van Buren/Alma. We would also like to thank you for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and your measured approach to managing the crisis. If any additional information is requested, please reach out to any of us. My personal mobile number is or email is

Respectfully,

Jim C. Petty

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