

I am writing to urge you to consider taking great care in redistricting our rural areas. For the past several decades, we have strived to create a support system made up of communities with similar geographical and political interests. Being active in our area has ensured we can maintain our economic success. The relationships we've developed within our political boundaries and with our neighboring districts have served us well. And while I know this is a real possibility every ten years, it can also break us apart and render us less able to participate fully in the governing process while we regroup.

Redistricting rural Minnesota by moving these boundaries around will probably weaken our network for a while and in these times, it is not a safe or healthy prospect. We hope you'll seriously consider keeping our districts as they are so we can continue to work with those we know and provide direction for our representatives who have served us so well.

I am active in my local precinct and it has taken several years to know who to work with and who our neighbors are. Rural Minnesota is strong and stable so please strive to keep it that way.

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