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TO: MN House Committee on Redistricting & Rep. Mary Murphy, Chair

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RE: Redistricting and Carver County Communities

Dear House Redistricting Committee:

The issues and interests of Carver County are very similar including all cities and school districts.

As a result, our communities share the same or very similar needs in terms of infrastructure, schools, transit, voting locations and housing and interests in general.

Currently, Carver County is broken into 2 different districts which makes it difficult and confusing for its constituents and the public in general and somewhat fractured.

With these factors taken into consideration, I urge the Panel to adopt redistricting principles and maps that would make Carver County inclusive with Congressional District 3 – one District rather than two. This would seem to be a minor change and would make the demographics in Carver County a more cohesive District.

Overall, the Court did a good job last time and applied neutral principles and fair maps. I'm hopeful they would use the same approach this time with some minor adjustments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Vicki Ernst