

Dear Chair Murphy and Committee Members,

Thank you for your work. I am writing to urge the committee to adhere to well established precedent and to ensure the state's redistricting is accomplished with the established principle of one person one vote.

The Reynolds v. Sims 377 U.S. 533 (1964) was an 8-1 decision that made it clear districts should be apportioned very closely, if not uniform in population.

Districts need to be equal in population or with very little deviation. Less than 1% from the population norm. To deviate from this principle is an act of voter suppression.

Please ensure the committee does it work with the established precedent of one person one vote. This will ensure we are not suppressing voters. It will also ensure that we follow basic tenets of democracy.

Justice Warren articulated clearly and eloquently when he said, "Legislators represent people not trees or acres. Legislators are elected by voters, not farms or cities or economic interests."

Please ensure equal representation in voting by upholding the redistricting principle of one person one vote.

Sincerely,
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