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I'm not understanding what you are requesting relative to testimony regarding the redistricting process. Although I'm no expert in this area, I am a common citizen that finds it plain as day that any actions taken by the governing body that stands to benefit from those actions is a clear conflict of interest, so I don't understand what testimony that one could give to remind our state legislators of that fact and lobby for the introduction of independent nonpartisan redistricting, ideally done by transparent algorithmic process and not human drawn. To be frank; it boggles my mind that the Democratic Party is not defaulting to this approach throughout the country as it's obvious that although they too attempt to exert beneficial influence on the process for their own gains, the Republican Party is much more effective at doing so. So I guess my recommendation / testimony would be that A) we all see what game is being played with regard to redistricting, and B) we'd all prefer that representatives knock it off and adopt the clearly more democratic process of leveraging objectively fair and balanced maps and then try to win based on the votes they deserve.

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