

October 29, 2021

Dear Committee Administrator Nancy Conley,

Thank you for this opportunity to express many concerns about my community and recommendation for 2021 redistricting. My husband & I live in the city of Woodbury which is in Washington Co, CD4, SD53b, P9a, and ISD 834 (Stillwater School District). We are concerned and involved senior citizens. We are involved in our church (which is not in our community). If we did attend a Catholic church in our community it would be Guardian Angels that supports my point that my community is in the NE area of Woodbury. We are parents, grandparents and live with chronic disease. I live with Multiple Sclerosis while my husband has a profound hearing loss and wears two cochlear implants. We have both retired from careers in healthcare. We care deeply and are passionate about our environment, justice, education, and healthcare for all. Keeping our communities of interest is extremely important for many reasons.

My message to all of you today is to ask that you please consider our community of interest that is the southern part of ISD 834 (Stillwater) in Washington County (P9a in SD 53b) in your redistricting process. As you have seen in the 2020 census, the demographics in most every congressional district has experienced major racial and cultural changes. This is also true in Woodbury and the southern area of ISD 834 (Stillwater).

We have seen a drastic change and I ask that you give attention to this in keeping ISD834 together as a community of interest in the redistricting process. The changing district demographics MARSS (The Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System Manual provides definitions and parameters of all the MARSS data elements, reporting procedures for student enrollment). The results for 2006-2007 show 7.5% students of color and in 2020-2021 it shows 22.5% students of color in the southern part of ISD 834 (Stillwater).

It is my understanding that SD53b must lose population. I know there is a proposed map for southern SD53b in Woodbury where it would divide our Congressional District (CD4) and South. Washington Co ISD833. Dividing our Congressional district and ISD 833 is not in the best interest of these communities.

I ask you to please consider moving the NE area that is P9A of SD53 in Woodbury north to what is now SD39. This would allow the least amount of disruption to Woodbury. Woodbury should remain one congressional district (CD4). It would allow all of ISD 833 So. Washington School district in Washington Co. as a community of interest to remain in CD4. This would also allow ISD834 in Washington County as a community of interest to remain in CD4.

On a personal level we grocery shop in Stillwater now SD39, socialize, pay school taxes in ISD834 and we are involved in the area north of us. This is a perfect fit for our community and makes sense to keep our communities of interest together.

I would also recommend that the northern area of SD39 which is in another congressional district (CD6), and is in another school district ISD 831, and is in the City of Forest Lake, be moved to the district to the north, Chisago County. The Cities of Forest Lake and Chisago share more similarities than the cities of Forest Lake and Stillwater.

Cordially,

Paul & Dawn Tuveson
1046 Wyncrest Ct.
Woodbury MN 55129
651-786-1445