

To: The Honorable Chairperson Murphy and the House Redistricting Committee

From: Mark Nichols, Mayor – City of Lake City, MN

Re: State of Minnesota House of Representatives Redistricting Hearings

Date: September 14, 2021

Madame Chair and Committee Members:

My purpose in writing is to provide input to your committee as you work through the State's redistricting process.

Lake City is located approximately 70 miles south of the twin cities on the Mississippi River specifically known as Lake Pepin. Our tourism moniker is commonly referenced as the "South Shore" and includes the communities of Wabasha, Lake City, Frontenac, and Red Wing. These communities are located in District 21A and all are located adjacent to the Mississippi River.

Over the years the "South Shore" communities, organizations, stakeholder groups, and political representatives have worked to promote our area both from a tourism and economic perspective.

I am writing to recommend that our 21A legislative district boundaries continue intact particularly the communities on the river corridor. This will allow a continued congruency that provides efficiency and effectiveness in our mission for our district's citizens.

I understand that you have yeoman's work to do and we at the Lake City Council appreciate your commitment.