

Rep. Murphy and Ms. Conley,

I ask that this public comment be shared with the entire House Redistricting Committee.

In drawing new legislative districts, please leave political gerrymandering out of the process. The political divide in our country is great. I've been disappointed in the inability of legislators to work across the aisle and to seek compromise. Instead, both the DFL and IR have exhibited game-playing that appears to be motivated primarily by the desire to retain or gain political power. Common sense and the good of the public appear secondary.

Legislative districts should be compact and contiguous, drawn with regard to those boundaries that provide logical separations of communities, like city boundaries or major geographic features (like rivers). Boundaries should not be manipulated based upon the location of current incumbents' residences and existing political strongholds.

Do the right thing, not the political thing.

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