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Dear Members of the House Redistricting Committee, thank you for embarking on this complex process of redistricting and for holding hearings so Minnesota citizens can affect our redistricting plans.

I write in support of an establishment of districts which accords each Minnesota citizen an equal voice in selecting representation. For example, each Minnesota citizen does not have an equal voice when redistricting favors particular political parties or particular candidates because, in this case, some votes count more than others. Nor do Minnesotans have an equal voice when the votes of racial, ethnic and language minorities are diluted. In this case minorities are not able to select representation of their choice.

While this ideal can never be achieved completely, I believe that Minnesota has the best chance of achieving fair elections by following the principles outlined in HF2594. This bill prohibits political favoritism and minority vote dilution. In addition, it outlines how communities of interest can be preserved in the drawing of district lines. Preserving communities of interest allows voters with similar interests to select representation of their choice.

I urge you to follow these or similar principles and to be completely transparent about your plan for redistricting. If you allow Minnesota citizens the ability to comment on your proposed plans and to assess how well you are following HF2594 or similar principles in drawing district lines, I believe you will end up with fair redistricting for Minnesota.

Thank you.

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