House Redistricting Committee SW 8th & SW Van Buren St. Topeka, KS 66612

January 13, 2022

Dear Chairman Croft and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jim Barone. I am a resident of Crawford County, Kansas and former member of the Kansas Senate. I write today to encourage you to oppose efforts to include Southeast Kansas and specifically Crawford County in the 1st Congressional District.

As a former legislator, I know the most important part of the redistricting process is maintaining a community of interest. Having had the opportunity to represent Southeast Kansans for years, I know their sense of community and commonality of interest is aligned with other counties in Eastern Kansas. While the interests of the 1st District are important and play a vital role in the prosperity of our State as a whole, these interest differ from the issue facing Southeast Kansans.

Please oppose any proposal which would remove Crawford County and Southeast Kansas from the Second Congressional District.

Jim Barone Crawford County Resident