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Written Testimony
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This testimony is written

Mr. Chair and Members of the Kansas Legislative Redistricting Committees:

My name is Barbara Ikerd. I am a lifelong resident of Wyandotte County in Kansas City, Kansas, I believe it is considered on the west side of the city. I have four adult children, 9 grandchildren, and now four great-grandchildren. They all have attended, are attending, and will attend Kansas City Kansas School District 500.

I have worked for the General Motors Plant in Fairfax, Kansas for 37 and a half years. I started as an assembler, served as Recording Secretary for our UAW Local 31 union, and upon retiring I was International Representative for the ADAPT (Accommodating DisAbled People in Transition) Program at the plant.

I am also a member of the Kansas City, Kansas Branch of NAACP volunteering first as Treasurer and presently serve as Secretary of the branch. Also, I am member of the Greater KC CBTU (Coalition of Black Trade Unionist) Chapter. I belong to the Leavenworth Road Association that is a member of the Liveable Neighborhood Group. I am a member of the Fellowship Christian Church where I serve as usher, choir member, and in the women's ministry.

My community is extremely diverse and is growing at a fast rate. In my community there is a mix of single family homes, elderly facilities, low income multi-family housing. Our community has access to sports and recreational facilities, health facilities and shopping districts. We have much in common with out Johnson neighbors and should not be separated from them.

I am writing to give support to the League of Women Voters and the Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County for the work done on the redistricting maps (I have attached the maps for your viewing). I ask that you support our efforts in working on them.

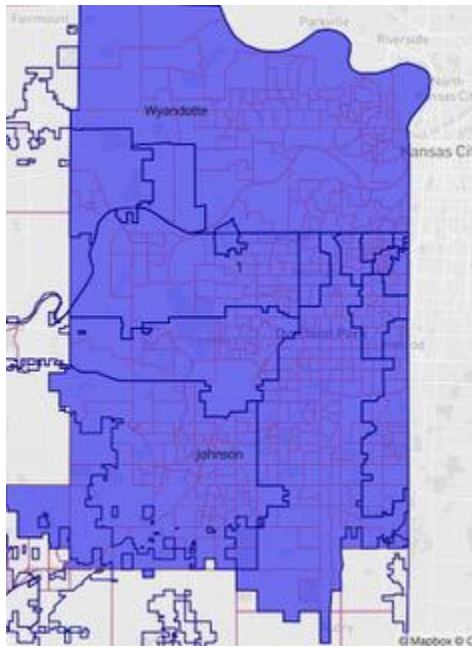
You will find that the proposed Third Congressional District Map puts the population of the Third Congressional District at 734,483 that is within the required limit. You will also find that the State Senate District map is attached and ask that you really consider that the map maintains the unity of our community does not divide it. The state representative district map represents my community as an intact unit. Please consider the attached state representative map.

I want to thank you and the members of this committee for the opportunity to submit this letter. I have attached 3 maps for your earnest consideration.

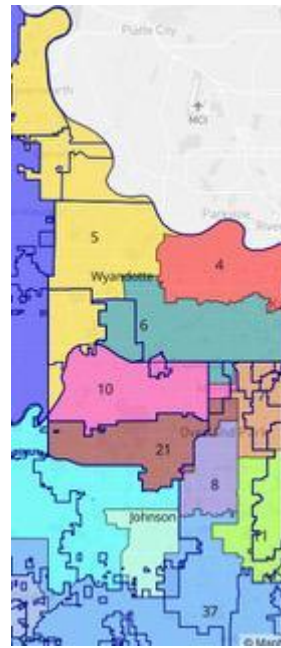
Finally, it is my prayer and concern that you please consider all that I have stated and submitted in my written testimony.

Barbara Ikerd

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State Senate district



State House District

