

***Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
August 23, 2021 Meetin3 Public Comment***

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In reference to the OI from C1550. The under count of the Hispanic population is very evident in this proposal this a geographic area represents one of the biggest dairy areas in the state of Michigan with herd sizes of 1000 to 2000 cows and we know that the people who are working at this Dairy Farms are Hispanic and most likely were not counted in the census, the figures that were given represents a good 5 to 10% under counter thank you. Juan Marinez LLEAD

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Name: Cathy Brockington
Subject: Keep Allegan and Van Buren Counties Together

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I am a life-long resident of Allegan County. I see on your Regions maps that you have grouped Allegan County in with other Western Michigan counties. I hope you will reconsider the line you have drawn. Western Allegan county has a long (over 100 years) history of being a resort and tourist destination. Many of these tourists have come from Chicago, St. Louis, MO, and other out of state areas. Because of this, the Lake Michigan Shore Communities in Allegan and Van Buren Counties are much more cosmopolitan than its neighbors to the North in Ottawa County.

Allegan and Van Buren Counties more closely identify with Kalamazoo County to the east and St. Joseph County to the south. Please reconsider the description of the Southwest area of Michigan and put Allegan County in with its more identifiable neighbors. There are many cultural differences between Allegan County and Ottawa County. In order for Allegan County voters to be in a more competitive district for possibly State House, Senate or for a Congressional District, we need to be with the SouthWest group. The Western group is anything but competitive.

Thank you for your service in this wonderful experiment in democracy for the State of Michigan.
Sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine Brockington


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