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Subject: Letter to the MICRC from Professor Matt Petering (2021-09-13)

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Dear Sue,

Please forward the following message to the MICRC. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Matt Petering

Dear Commissioners,

Having observed several hours of your deliberations, it appears that time is getting short to complete your work.

Whereas the final Michigan maps will need to address seven criteria, it seems that you are just finishing the first criterion regarding equal population. It is good to see that a strict prioritization of criteria is not being followed even at this early stage because flexibility will be necessary to reach a final set of maps that integrate all the criteria.

Once again, I offer the MICRC my services to quickly generate maps of Michigan's congressional and legislative districts for its consideration. The FastMap algorithm, which I showcased during your July 22 meeting, will allow the MICRC to meet its deadline with maps that optimally balance Michigan's redistricting criteria.

Please let me know if I may be of assistance. My updated credentials can be found at <https://www.districtsolutions.net/our-team.html#/> and <https://uwm.edu/engineering/people/petering-ph-d-matthew/>.

Sincerely,
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