

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
October 7, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:51 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rose Weleski
Subject: unacceptable re-districting

Dear Commission,

I am writing to encourage you to please let well enough alone. There is no real reason for the redistricting, other than to benefit a certain party for a certain reason. A better solution may just be NO districts at all. Let each county represent themselves. Why would things be made more confusing for everyone?

If I had to vote against any certain redistricting area, it would be #200 , #201 and #202. This concerns me as a Midland voter. We have nothing in common with the areas that are being proposed here. And that being said, I am a believer in the county by county tallies.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

Alan & Rosemarie Weleski. - Mt. Haley Twp.- Midland County

Date of Submission: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:32 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Smith, Matthew
Subject: Midland MI

The Commission appears to be ignoring the constitution which requires that they use 'communities of interest' to draw fair maps. Instead it appears that the Commission is trying to dilute the voices of the Midland community by adding them into larger urban centers with Flint and Saginaw.

Matt Smith,



Midland MI

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Date of Submission: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:27 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Denise Richardson
Subject: Map 191

I dislike what you're trying to do with this proposed map 191.

Denise Richardson

Date of Submission: Monday, October 4, 2021 9:04 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Julie Miller
Subject: Keep Livonia's District Intact

Thank you to the Commission for the difficult task you are undertaking. I am a resident of Livonia and am writing to strongly urge keeping Livonia as one House District.

Current proposed redistricting maps are splitting up and gerrymandering the currently politically balanced City of Livonia. I'm asking the Commission to fulfill their mission to prioritize partisan fairness. Please draw districts with as close to zero political bias as possible.

Livonia is a city of about 95,000 citizens, just a little bigger than the ideal size for one contiguous state house legislative district. The margin of votes in recent elections has proven we have a balanced electorate.

I am asking the Commission to resist the pressure to draw maps for SE Michigan that would split apart our City of Livonia into numerous house districts and would actually cause, rather than solve, further gerrymandering. Please keep the contiguous community of interest that is the City of Livonia intact as a state house district.

Respectfully,

Julie Miller


Date of Submission: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:24 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Abby Terwillegar
Subject: Midland County Ag Community

Midland County is my community of interest.

Midland County is NOT an urban community. The city of Midland population is 42,000; not a large city by any measure. Our other designated city in Midland County is Coleman, population of 1,230, extremely small. Surrounding the perimeter of our cities is farmland and lots of it. And it is some of the best producing farmland in the state. Midland County boasts sustaining over 500 farms covering 88,000 acres. Most of these are family farms coverer multiple generations. I am blessed to be a member of one of these family farms, which includes three generations; ages 28-98. Through years of hard work and also legislative support when needed from local, state and national leadership, we have grown our farm significantly. The needs of our community are very different from those of big cities like Saginaw and Flint. It takes leadership that understand the very different needs of agricultural operations and their families to sustain this rich community asset. Midland County should be kept whole in this process and be included in a district that is representative of the innately rural agriculture base that makes up Central Michigan area.