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Greetings,

I am a farmer in rural Shiawassee County. Please consider my requests when drawing maps for the state senate:

- I know we would like to keep all COIs together, but this will not always be possible, splitting cities is necessary to create fair districts. If we keep all the rural areas separate from the cities and towns, we will still have the same unfair maps that Michiganders overwhelming voted against in 2018.
- Thank you for splitting Lansing into two Senate districts. My wife works in East Lansing and we spend a lot of time in the Lansing area, I'm happy to have Shia. Co. joined with that area.
- Partisan fairness data and past election results MUST be taken into account! In using mainly pop. #s, you will end up creating something similar to the previous gerrymandered maps that voters chose to get rid of in 2018.
- No one can argue that the Republican party should have solid majorities in both houses when they routinely get fewer votes overall. That's not representative DEMOCRACY!

Great thanks for the work you are doing!

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