

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of the Detroit Boston-Edison Historic Neighborhood, I am writing to voice my concern about the proposal to divide the neighborhood between two different congressional districts. Clearly, this is a cohesive neighborhood with a diverse population that has concerns and issues at a local, state, and national level. It should not be divided in such a way as to lose any influence it may have as a cohesive community sharing its concerns with its representatives. It smacks of elitism and disregard for local community to suggest that the neighborhood should be split between districts. I hope you will pay attention to the voice of this community and change the way you have drawn districts that disregards the strong sense of community in Boston Edison in Detroit.

Sincerely,

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"I see in the near future a crisis approaching. It unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country... the Money Power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign" by working upon the prejudices of the people, until the wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed."

-Abraham Lincoln,- In a letter written to William Elkin just after the passage of the National Banking Act of 1863 and less than five months before he was assassinated.

"The money power preys on the nation in times of peace, and conspires against it in times of adversity. It is more despotic than monarchy, more insolent than autocracy, more selfish than bureaucracy. It denounces, as public enemies, all who question its methods or throw light upon its crimes."

-Abraham Lincoln