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I call the public hearing to order at 6:22.

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Good evening, again, for those just

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joining us live and in

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person. We are super, super happy to be here

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in Gaylord. We are very appreciative that you all

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have spent your time to come and listen and

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participate and comment and give us thoughts.

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That does not go unnoticed. As chair of

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the commission, again, I call the

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.gov. This will be utilized to

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post maps and comments which may be viewed by the public.

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Members of the media who may have

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questions before, during or after the meeting direct them

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to Edward Woods, III, our

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Communications and Outreach Director for the commission.

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We'll now have roll call.

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For the purposes of the public watching and

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record, I will turn to department state staff

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Sarah Reinhardt to take note of the commissioners prez

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sent. >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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Good evening. Please say present when I call your

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name. If you are attending remotely, please

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announce where you are attending the meeting re

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motely from. Unless your abscess is due to

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military duty, state the county,

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township or village and the state you are attending

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. Douglas Clark

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present

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from Rochester Hills, Michigan. >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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Juanita Curry Sarah Reinhardt

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Anthony Eid commission'd

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present >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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Britt Kell

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. >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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Steven Lett >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Prez sent

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. >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sint

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Present. Commission er

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Commissioner Szetela.

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>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard

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Weiss >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Prez sent.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We have a

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quorum. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner

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Steven Lett will provide a presentation.

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I don't hear objections. Lett's proceed

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with commissioner Lett

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's introduction.

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Steve?

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

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Good afternoon, good evening.

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Again, my name is Steven Lett. We welcome you to

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the MICRC public hearing in

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Gaylord, Michigan, located at this meeting is

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the tree tops convention facility

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. We are happy you are here to learn

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about Michigan's new redistricting process

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and how you can engage throughout the process to

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ensure your voice is heard. In

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looking at the agenda, please note the vast

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majority of our time this evening is spent listening to you

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. We are eager to hear your ideas either

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in person or remotely about

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drawing Michigan's congressional house and senate

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districts. In addition to hearing about district

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lines, we want to hear your ideas about

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communities of interest.

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In 2018, more than 61

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% of Michigan voters

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intentionally and deliberately passed proposal 2

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, a ballot initiative for voters, not

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legislatures to take the responsibility for map

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fairness and public feedback in the

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redistricting process in

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creating the Michigan independent

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citizens redistricting commission, the

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MICRC. For the first time in Michigan's

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history, the MICRC will lead the process to

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draw fair and independent

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maps. The commission is

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comprised of 13 randomly selected

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Michigan residents that include four who

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affiliate as democrats, four who affiliate

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as republicans and five independents.

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Once the applications were sent in,

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a lottery was run by the Michigan

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Department of State to choose the final 13.

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The MICRC has the exclusive authority in this

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redistricting process for

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house and senate representatives. The

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MICRC understands expectations to

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draw maps in an open, trans

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parent manner to meet constitutional

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mandates. Our mission

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exemplifies the resolve for today and

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future generations as well. In your interaction with

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the MICRC and staff, you should witness

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the core values of integrity,

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respect, transparency and being

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purposeful. Once again we are glad you are

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here and we look forward to hearing from you.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so

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much, commissioner Lett. Now we'll have the executive

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director, Sue Hammersmith, if there is no objection, come to

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us to give us a little bit of information about

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our public hearing.

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Hearing no objections, Sue

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, go ahead. >> COMMISSIONER HAMMERSMITH: Good

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evening and thank you for being here. We appreciate you coming

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to give public comment and

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learn more about the process. I'm going to share a brief

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, brief presentation on the

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public hearing process. Before commissioners

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draw the first line, they have to hold at least ten

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public hearings. Our commissioners are over

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achievers and holding 16 public hearings to

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gain input from the public before any lines

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are drawn. There are three purposes for the

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public hearings, they are stated in the institution.

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They are to inform the public about the re

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districting process, to learn about the

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purposes and the responsibilities of the commissioners

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and then also to gain the input from the

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public. That's the most important rule that we

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are here to gather input. What

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is redistricting? Every ten years

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, following the census, the lines are re

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drawn for the voting districts. This happens

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because people move,

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babies are born, some people pass away and the

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population shift to different

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areas of our state. The process of drawing the

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lines is known as redistricting

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. They will include the 13 Michigan

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congressional districts, those voted the house of representatives in

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Washington, D.C. In Michigan, the 38 Michigan senate

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and ten Michigan house districts. The

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commissions purpose and responsibilities include

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exercising constitutional powers granted

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solely to this commission to redistrict Michigan

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, to operate in an impartial and

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transparent manner that reinforces public

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confidence and the integrity of the process

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to conduct statewide outreach and

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provide meaningful public

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participation, to adopt the three maps, which I have

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mentioned, one for each type of

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district complying with the U.S. and Michigan constitutional

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mandates, to ensure integrity,

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public availability and accountability for the

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data, for the public comments and

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for the commission information and to ensure

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compliance with redistricting criteria.

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There are seven criteria listed in the constitution

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and these are in rank order, meaning we have

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to follow number one first, on to number

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two, et cetera. The first

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criteria is equal population in complying

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with the voting rights. Those are federal

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requirements. Secondly, the districts must be

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geographically contiguous. That means they cannot be

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separate areas of the state. They have to be

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connected. Third, we have to take into account

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communities of interest. Those are groups that are

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affiliated with each other, which are constitutionally

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defined as cultural, historical or economic

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interest or other interests that are identified

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by people. The fourth and

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fifth criteria involve not favoring

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political organizations or people. No

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disproportionate advantage

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to a political party and the commission is not

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allowed to favor or disfavor

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an elected official or candidate. Sixth, the

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district should reflect city, county and

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township boundaries. Seventh

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, the districts must be reasonably

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compact. That's oo tall order, but this

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commission is determined to follow the constitution and create the

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best districts posz zable. Why are we

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here tonight? To hear districtly from you.

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We want to hear from the people of the

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state. We want you to tell us how you would

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like your congressional districts, senate, house and

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senate representative districts to be.

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We want to listen and learn about your community of

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interest. Lastly, why should you

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care? This is your opportunity to be

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involved for the first time ever in Michigan's

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historic process for the citizens to draw

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the lines of the districts. This is an

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open transd parent process. All

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the lines will be drawn in open commission.

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Every meeting is held that way. You can either listen live to

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our meetings or go back and listen to the

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recordings. Third, we are inviting communities

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interest to share their input into this process.

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Thank you for being here.

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We appreciate everybody who is here this evening.

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We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so

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much, Sue. We'll have the guidelines

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presented by the general counsel, that is

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: .

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no objections, please

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continue. >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA:

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Thank you madam chair. Thank you for the warm

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welcome Gaylord, we are happy to be with you.

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I would like to cover the public guidelines for this evening

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's public hearing. They include in

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person and remote public comments. Remote may

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be telephone or virtual. All

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public comments up to two minutes in length.

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In person take place first,

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followed by remote comments. We encourage

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all the public to log in their

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public comments in the portal at

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.GOV/MICRC. The two

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-minute timer is to my left, your

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right. When the two minutes expire, there

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will be an alarm that makes this noise.

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank

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you, madam chair. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you

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, Julianne. It is time for the

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public comment. Without objection, we will begin the

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public comment portion of our

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meeting. Hearing no objection, you will proceed

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with public comment. Individual who is signed up and

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indicated they would like to provide in person

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public commentary to the commission will now be

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allowed to do so. Please step to the nearest

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microphone when I call your number. You will have two

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minutes to address the commission. Please conclude your

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remarks when you hear the timer. If you feel that

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you have more to say or even if you have

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comments and want to give us a further

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picture please, please, please go to the public

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comment tool and share the comments in writing, including

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a specific area of the map about which you are speaking

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. The public comment tool is

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GOV/MICRC. First in

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line to provide public comment is number one

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. You can step to the microphone

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when you are ready. Your two minutes

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doesn't start until you start talking.

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This is not the judge and jury. We are hear to share this

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evening. >> Name and

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address? >> CHAIR KELLOM: I would love

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to know your name, I don't need your

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address. >> I'm Colleen Buckner from

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Alpena.

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Our area, first of

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all, I would asked to come and share mainly

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communities of interest with you from our area.

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Our area for the U.S. congress, U.S.

01:47:18.000 --> 01:47:22.000  
representative is district number one.

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It includes the entire upper nins and drops down

01:47:27.000 --> 01:47:30.000  
a fair distance into the lower nins.

01:47:30.000 --> 01:47:33.000  
We feel that community of interest

01:47:33.000 --> 01:47:37.000  
probably won't remain the same because of the

01:47:37.000 --> 01:47:41.000  
sparse population in the U.P.

01:47:41.000 --> 01:47:45.000  
The state house,

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Michigan representative ours

01:47:48.000 --> 01:47:52.000  
is district 106.

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That district is fairly compact

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and we felt that the community of interest there

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is quite good because it's all

01:48:03.000 --> 01:48:06.000  
waterfront. The main interest or

01:48:06.000 --> 01:48:10.000  
some of the main interest are clean water, clean

01:48:10.000 --> 01:48:14.000  
air, environmental issues,

01:48:14.000 --> 01:48:17.000  
tourist and recreation. This district

01:48:17.000 --> 01:48:20.000  
, from our point of view is suggested to

01:48:20.000 --> 01:48:26.000  
stay as is.

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The state senate is district

01:48:29.000 --> 01:48:32.000  
number 36. This district

01:48:32.000 --> 01:48:35.000  
, we feel, was gerrymandered

01:48:35.000 --> 01:48:39.000  
after the last census

01:48:39.000 --> 01:48:43.000  
and our area people

01:48:43.000 --> 01:48:46.000  
feel they do not have a community

01:48:46.000 --> 01:48:50.000  
of interest in common with

01:48:50.000 --> 01:48:53.000  
glad win and midland.

01:48:53.000 --> 01:48:56.000  
They feel that there would be

01:48:56.000 --> 01:48:59.000  
more interest if our district for

01:48:59.000 --> 01:49:02.000  
state senate would

01:49:02.000 --> 01:49:06.000  
instead go west, including Crawford,

01:49:06.000 --> 01:49:09.000  
ros common, call kas sa

01:49:09.000 --> 01:49:11.000  
. Thank you.

01:49:11.000 --> 01:49:14.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much

01:49:14.000 --> 01:49:17.000  
for addressing the commission. What is it?

01:49:17.000 --> 01:49:20.000  
Map? If you want to give that to us, you

01:49:20.000 --> 01:49:23.000  
can.

01:49:23.000 --> 01:49:27.000  
Thank you so much.

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Number two. As you see the person before you

01:49:31.000 --> 01:49:34.000  
assuming they have a number, you can see the number, they are

01:49:34.000 --> 01:49:38.000  
going back to their seat, feel free to come up.

01:49:38.000 --> 01:49:41.000  
You can take your mask off, as you are

01:49:41.000 --> 01:49:45.000  
comfortable while you are speaking. Good evening thank you for coming  
to

01:49:45.000 --> 01:49:48.000  
address the commission. >> I'm vickie

01:49:48.000 --> 01:49:51.000  
bush from Traverse city, Michigan. I would like to thank you

01:49:51.000 --> 01:49:55.000  
for your hours and hours and lots of time as

01:49:55.000 --> 01:49:58.000  
the process of democracy grinds ever

01:49:58.000 --> 01:50:01.000  
so slowly, as it is designed to

01:50:01.000 --> 01:50:04.000  
do, you know you have an important task.

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I'm hoping, I'm a political science major.

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I'm hoping your successful enough that

01:50:11.000 --> 01:50:14.000  
as Michigan serves as one of the 50 laboratories for

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democracy, other states will come on to what you are doing.

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I'm here, really, to talk about the

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younger generations. I taught mainly American

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government for 33 years at the high school level.

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I watched younger generations become dis

01:50:30.000 --> 01:50:33.000  
engaged, alienated because

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they are young, they don't have life

01:50:37.000 --> 01:50:41.000  
experience, they don't have a lot of money or political

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capitol. What they did have, they thought, was

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a vote. One person, one vote.

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Then they look at the congressional districts or

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Michigan dis riblths and see that some

01:50:52.000 --> 01:50:55.000  
votes are enhance and others diluted by the way

01:50:55.000 --> 01:50:59.000  
the districts are drawn. There's another nail in the

01:50:59.000 --> 01:51:02.000  
coffin. We are trying to engage these kids.

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Of course, the future

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democracy depends on engagement. They have a

01:51:09.000 --> 01:51:12.000  
choice, they can become engaged or

01:51:12.000 --> 01:51:15.000  
alienated. We have seen what alienation can

01:51:15.000 --> 01:51:18.000  
lead to in the last few years,

01:51:18.000 --> 01:51:22.000  
especially January 6. If they are alienated,

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they have vulnerable to

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extremists and led to believe violence is their

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ornl way to be heard. Please, I implore you

01:51:33.000 --> 01:51:36.000  
, come up with a good product. It is necessary

01:51:36.000 --> 01:51:39.000  
for engagement for our democracy to function.

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There's more at stake than most realize

01:51:42.000 --> 01:51:46.000  
because future generations have

01:51:46.000 --> 01:51:49.000  
to be engaged. Please restore fair

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tonsz the system. Thank you.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, vickie.

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We will now hear from number three.

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>> I'm Dave from

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grand Traverse County as well. I have known

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vickie for nearly 50 years.

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I think Grand Traverse County will be

01:52:17.000 --> 01:52:21.000  
better served if Traverse city was attached to

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Leila that county, pre

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dominantly the rest of the county would be better

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served attached to weather conditionsford

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, Kalk

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aska. The

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demographics of those areas outside Traverse city are

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like other counties.

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Leila that county is similar to

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Traverse city and their

01:52:52.000 --> 01:52:55.000  
political fears and backgrounds

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. I have lived in the

01:52:59.000 --> 01:53:02.000  
county my whole life and experienced the

01:53:02.000 --> 01:53:05.000  
differences in the county over the last 56

01:53:05.000 --> 01:53:11.000  
years.

01:53:11.000 --> 01:53:13.000  
That's about it.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, Dave.

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Number four. Good evening, thank you for coming to

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address the commission. >> My name is Tom from

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coach lake township

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Township. More importantly for tonight's

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discussion, the 37th senate district.

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I guess I thought my ideas were

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original, but I'm in concert with some of the

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older people. I want to talk about the difference

01:53:47.000 --> 01:53:50.000  
between urban and rural trains of thought,

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commonality of interest and my complunt of interest is

01:53:53.000 --> 01:53:57.000  
the rural citizen

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. In the 37th district,

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it's largely rural, geographically

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but we have a political powerhouse in

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Grand Traverse County attached to the bottom

01:54:10.000 --> 01:54:13.000  
of the district. As was earlier mentioned

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, there's more commonality there with places like

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Cadillac or Ludington or whatever. They have more of

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an urban perspective. I know

01:54:23.000 --> 01:54:30.000  
we are not Detroit or

01:54:30.000 --> 01:54:33.000  
grand rapids. The rest of the district is fine.

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It's very much in line with each

01:54:36.000 --> 01:54:39.000  
other. The urban, the rural part of our

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senate district gets overshadowed by the

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political power of grand Traverse

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County, metropolitan, if you will.

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Looking at the map

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, geographically, it makes more

01:54:57.000 --> 01:54:59.000  
sense if Traverse city was attached to the 36

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th. Maybe brought a little bit of the

01:55:03.000 --> 01:55:06.000  
eastern part of the state into the 37th

01:55:06.000 --> 01:55:10.000  
, more the rural areas will give us more

01:55:10.000 --> 01:55:13.000  
square miles, but a commonality of interest.

01:55:13.000 --> 01:55:17.000  
In drawing your lines, if you can keep

01:55:17.000 --> 01:55:20.000  
this particular concept in mind, I think it would

01:55:20.000 --> 01:55:24.000  
serve the people of the state much

01:55:24.000 --> 01:55:26.000  
better than what we have right now.

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That's about it.

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Consider it. Thank you.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. Number five.

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>> Good evening.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Good evening. >> Thank you for your hard

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work, Donald force, I live in

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Gaylord. I would like the commission to throw

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out the current maps, start from scratch, draw

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fair and competitive district sos the voices of all

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citizens can be heard. There's too many district that is

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are tilted left or right. There's no reason

01:56:00.000 --> 01:56:03.000

to compromise, just do what your party

01:56:03.000 --> 01:56:06.000

wants you to do and we are back in office and all the

01:56:06.000 --> 01:56:08.000

citizen voices and concerns are heard.

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Please take that into consideration

01:56:12.000 --> 01:56:14.000

when you redistrict the state. Thank you for your time.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

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Six?

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>> My name is Amy Cur

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rell. Is it posz blg to give my

01:56:31.000 --> 01:56:33.000  
two minutes to my husband so he has four

01:56:33.000 --> 01:56:36.000  
? >> CHAIR KELLOM: No.

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>> All right. I don't know the rules.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: No, no, no, you are totally fine.

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>> It sounds like I don't have an

01:56:45.000 --> 01:56:48.000  
opinion, right? >> Seems reasonable to me

01:56:48.000 --> 01:56:51.000  
. >> You know, I would like to give my

01:56:51.000 --> 01:56:54.000  
time to him. Is it possible?

01:56:54.000 --> 01:56:57.000  
Could you take a vote on that? >> CHAIR KELLOM: No.

01:56:57.000 --> 01:57:00.000  
>> I say birds of a feather flock together.

01:57:00.000 --> 01:57:03.000  
>> Can we reset the timer to

01:57:03.000 --> 01:57:06.000  
two minutes. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Yep.

01:57:06.000 --> 01:57:09.000  
>> That's why I think you should be careful of

01:57:09.000 --> 01:57:13.000  
how you redistrict because birds of

01:57:13.000 --> 01:57:16.000  
a feather flock together. People who like to live

01:57:16.000 --> 01:57:19.000  
in the cities live in the cities. People who like

01:57:19.000 --> 01:57:22.000  
to live rural, live rural. They have

01:57:22.000 --> 01:57:25.000  
different ways of living and different idea zs.

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I think you need to consider them. I don't mind being

01:57:27.000 --> 01:57:31.000  
three feet from my next door neighbor.

01:57:31.000 --> 01:57:34.000  
People in the country want to be 20 miles apart.

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When they elect someone, they want to elect

01:57:38.000 --> 01:57:41.000  
someone that will represent them. I hope you

01:57:41.000 --> 01:57:44.000  
consider those things. Some of the

01:57:44.000 --> 01:57:48.000  
preliminary maps put long lines through the middle and

01:57:48.000 --> 01:57:51.000  
ballooned it out at the side. That doesn't make sense to me

01:57:51.000 --> 01:57:53.000  
. You have to find where people live

01:57:53.000 --> 01:57:55.000  
together. Thank you.

01:57:55.000 --> 01:57:58.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, Amy.

01:57:58.000 --> 01:58:06.000  
Seven?

01:58:06.000 --> 01:58:10.000  
>> Larry Correll from

01:58:10.000 --> 01:58:14.000  
Gaylord. I have been

01:58:14.000 --> 01:58:17.000  
hard redistricting at a

01:58:17.000 --> 01:58:20.000  
loyer level within the county.

01:58:20.000 --> 01:58:23.000  
It's not an easy task.

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I would like to challenge you, make very

01:58:26.000 --> 01:58:31.000  
sure you do as good of a job as you can because

01:58:31.000 --> 01:58:35.000  
our elective process has taken a real hit in

01:58:35.000 --> 01:58:39.000  
terms of confidence in this country.

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Both sides of the

01:58:43.000 --> 01:58:46.000  
aisle are pointing saying it's your

01:58:46.000 --> 01:58:50.000  
fault. The effect is, American people

01:58:50.000 --> 01:58:53.000  
have taken a hit in the

01:58:53.000 --> 01:58:56.000  
process. It starts with districts, it

01:58:56.000 --> 01:58:59.000  
starts with looking at who your neighbors are

01:58:59.000 --> 01:59:03.000  
. I saw one of

01:59:03.000 --> 01:59:06.000  
your criteria was compact.

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Some of the districts you have are

01:59:10.000 --> 01:59:14.000  
anything but compact. They look like a plate of

01:59:14.000 --> 01:59:17.000  
spaghetti. I challenge you to do your

01:59:17.000 --> 01:59:20.000  
very best and go a little farther

01:59:20.000 --> 01:59:22.000  
then swallow your pride and do the right thing.

01:59:22.000 --> 01:59:26.000  
Thank you.

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I don't -- don't misread

01:59:29.000 --> 01:59:32.000  
. Be willing to do the right thing

01:59:32.000 --> 01:59:34.000  
regardless of who gets the credit. Thank you.

01:59:34.000 --> 01:59:37.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, your

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comments are appreciated. Eight.

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>> I'm Cynthia Curtis from

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sheboygan. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Hi,

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Cynthia. >> I live in the city and

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County of sheboygan. I'm glad you

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decided to have this meeting here so I didn't have to

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drive an hour to marquette. It's a

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big district. My

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particular interests

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because it's such a brig district, we have to

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drive a lot of miles to get the things we need.

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My main interests are friends, church

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, organic gardening and supplements

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. Most of my needs are in the city of

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sheboygan or center of

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sheboygan orem mitt and pas to ki

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. I have

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this whole tip of the lower innocence

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er peninsula. Have

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mercy on the person representing that district

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. It is half the territory of Michigan.

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Make it as compact as possible and not

02:01:05.000 --> 02:01:07.000  
strung out. Again, thank you so much for your vote

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. >> CHAIR KELLLOM: Thank you.

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Nine.

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>> Hello.

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First I would like to thank the commission for making the trip up here

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to the north country and giving us this

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opportunity to speak. My name is Cathy stone

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. I reside in inverness

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Township in the county of sheboygan.

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It's one of 32 counties

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in the first district. That's a pretty big

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area. You have

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a challenge to come up with the additional people to

02:01:58.000 --> 02:02:02.000  
make or expand the district.

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The only thing I ask is please

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look at the districts and realize the hours it

02:02:08.000 --> 02:02:12.000  
takes a congressperson to travel

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, you know, the district and keep it as compact

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as possible. The County

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is fairly unique in most of the northern

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counties in that we have two Michigan

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house districts.

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Ten years ago when they divided the

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lines, I was not very happy about this.

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I thought, they are dividing us up.

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In the past ten years, I have realized

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this really does give us more of a voice in

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Lansing because we have two representatives.

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I kind of encourage you to keep that division

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which ten years ago I would not have.

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Our economic interest is tourism,

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there's no doubt about that. There's mackinac

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island, the ties to

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Mackinaw City. We have a 40-mile inland

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waterway that connects from Emmitt County to

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lake huron. I would like you to take into

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consideration how this boating

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tourism affects our area as well as the regular and

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keep the townships of

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inverness, mullet and Tu

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scaror a in the

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area. Thank you again for coming out.

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I really appreciate it. >> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you.

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Ten?

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>> Good evening members of the

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redistricting commission. Thank you for holding this hearing in

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northern Michigan. My name is Christian.

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This is a great place to live and

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raise a family. We have raised our three daughters and

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taken advantage of the continuity and recreation

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resources around the counties.

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We have waterways such tazz Jordan

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river. Of course our very own

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chain of lakes, Torch

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lake.

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We have vasz tracks of state land

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that include Antrim,

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charla vow, month morenci and

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os coe dachlt it's not hard to travel

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five or six miles to find bassic things arndz your

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home. It's not unusual to travel to

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five or six counties during turkey hunting or

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trout fishing in any given day. We have a

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vast motorized trail system here and

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the northern lower peninsula and

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upper peninsula.

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This includes wheel,

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motorized and track automobiles. We have a

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robust and vibrant trail system in

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connecting communities. These systems include the island

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xhundreds of beaver island, of course mackinac and

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drum Monday. I personally hunt and fish in

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shar lavoisier and mount morenci on a very

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regular basis. They are all so

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connected. Many small towns,

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townships and counties tie fairs and

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festivals so the same people can enjoy everything.

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We have organized events all yearlong and often see

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and sit with the same people at 4

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H auctions. As you make decisions

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be cognizant of how

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agriculture, recreation, small businesses 4H and

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church activities are across Michigan.

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The lakes, trails and public land are critical

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aspects. Thank you very much.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

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>> Immaterial to say thank you so

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much for your time. I'm very grateful.

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My name is Stacy Cole.

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I'm a resident of the county.

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We have three daughters born and

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raised here. Our daily lives in northern

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Michigan include activities in Antrim, Ott

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see go, shar lavoi and

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grand Traverse. These counties are important to me

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because they are the center of activities where we live

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. Everything from recreation to shopping

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to hospital visits and hair appointments.

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My daughters and I have friends and family members in these

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counties. Throughout the tip of the mitt region

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and we have so much in common. We meet friends for

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coffee in Gaylord, shopping in Traverse city and

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dine in pes to ski and charla

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vow. It is not unusual to refer to

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people living miles away as neighbors.

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We search and collect stones from Traverse city

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to harbor springs. This inclufds grand

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Traverse, Antrim, shar lavoi

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and Emmitt counties. We look forward

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to festivals and

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farm markets.

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These activities include the counties

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of charla vow and

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grand Traverse. We frequent the

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farmers, farmers market in

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Emmitt County. Our daughters and

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friends enjoy a day trip to mackinac

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bridge whether for the bridge walk, viewing the ice, a

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visit to the fort or hanging out. It's not un

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usual to jump in a boat, go to

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mackinac island or in the car to go to white fish

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point to pick

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huckleberries. Remember as you create districts

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and draw lines, we may travel an hour

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for basic essentials.

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We are a tight nit community.

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Thank you for your time.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for coming out to speak to us.

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Can we hear from 12?

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>> Hello.

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My name is Laurie white. I would like to thank all of the

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commissioners for their time and consideration

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of Michigan's redistricting process

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. My communities of

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interest is grand Traverse County. This is where

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I was born, raised and where I

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live, have a family and a home.

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All of the neighboring and

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adjacent counties are also where I live and

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spend time.

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They are

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county that is have two things in common

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, beautiful nature

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and tourism.

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These two things work

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hand-in-hand. The Michigan

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lake shoreline and abundance of inland

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lakes make this part of Michigan a popular

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vacation destination. In the summer, there's

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hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing

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and golf. In the winter, there's

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skiing, snow showing, automobile ing

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snowmobiling

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et cetera, which, in turn, it

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drives these

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counties in common.

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It is with all of its parts,

02:10:32.000 --> 02:10:36.000  
a well-working machine.

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Please keep this in minds when

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redistricting. The parts of the

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noern

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northwestern part of Michigan work together.

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I thank you, once again, for your

02:10:57.000 --> 02:10:58.000  
time. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much

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. 13.

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As you make your way to the mic

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, you're there, but I'm going to say

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quickly, you can go to the public comment tool

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and share in writing, including an area you are

02:11:13.000 --> 02:11:16.000  
speaking specifically about this evening.

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Remember, we are sharing in your community and we are not from

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the community. Being as specific and

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intentional as you can be on the public comment tool is

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helpful for us. The public comment tool is Michigan

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MICRC. Now you have the floor.

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Please introduce yourself and thank you for speaking to the commission.

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>> Phil, Cadillac, Michigan.

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Thank you for holding this public hearing and your service on

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redistricting. I have spent most of my

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life living, working and raising my family

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and children in Cadillac. Miz family

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business began in Cadillac and spread to five other

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northern Michigan counties in our 60 years of

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operation. I'm involved in

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Cadillac area chamber of

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commerce and the catholic church

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association, volunteer at the

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hospital in Cadillac. 2010, I was elected

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state representative of the 102

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nd district and served until 2017

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. That's three counties.

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Weather conditionsford, os owe la and

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mecosta with part of osz owe la taken

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away last time. The rural northern Michigan

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teamwork is important. The one thing we have to remember is

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we have to continue the positively

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cooperate. It's that positive cooperation

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that makes things work no matter what we do and

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where we live. This works with the

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police, fire, EMTst,

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hospital, local school districts and the

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career tech centers that bring us together.

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Farm bureau and 4H help do this.

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Businesses with manufacturing, retail,

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whole sail and all the family services combined with

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energy and product to serve our community and have it

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. Most of these community efforts are

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based on current congressional districts in northern

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rural Michigan. It's really imperative to keep

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these districts compact and rural. If we are

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going urban, go urban, but keep those

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together to compact, as

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others have said. Otherwise, costs will raise,

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voters will become confused. When they are

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confused, they are frustrated. When they are frus rait

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ed, they abstain from voting. Please

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Some of the elected officials

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are challenged whether they are in city, township

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or ports who I have heard

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, they are concerned with trying to comply

02:14:03.000 --> 02:14:06.000  
with the new state and federal laws. I

02:14:06.000 --> 02:14:09.000  
personally appreciate this opportunity to share my thoughts with

02:14:09.000 --> 02:14:14.000  
you. Thank you very much for the great

02:14:14.000 --> 02:14:16.000  
serving you have done in the state of Michigan.

02:14:16.000 --> 02:14:18.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

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We appreciate your cooperation and teamwork.

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At this time, you are already at the mic

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. I'm going let grow ahead.

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After we hear from 14, we're going to take

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a ten-minute recess. 14, please

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continue. You have the floor.

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>> My name is vickie and

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I really want to thank you all for being here and

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paying attention to what's going on in this part of the state

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. It's very important for all of us.

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Redistrict

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committee is a place where the

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lines are drawn and they should be drawn fairly

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. They should reflect the interest of

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the people, not political parties.

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Voters should choose who represents

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them. In Michigan, the congressional senate

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, state and house districts have a

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gerrymandered for many years. Our ultimate goal

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should be, in this districting to have a healthy

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democracy. This is the reason for all of us to

02:15:27.000 --> 02:15:30.000  
work together. That's why I appreciate you all

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with varied life

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-- come from varied parts of life, have

02:15:37.000 --> 02:15:40.000  
come here to listen to what we have to say.

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I think it's very important to hear from this

02:15:43.000 --> 02:15:44.000  
part of our state. Thank you.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Vickie, thank you.

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At this time, it's 7:06.

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We'll take a ten-minute recess

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and return at -- now it's 7:07. We'll

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meet up again at 7:17.

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I don't

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think they heard the roll call.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: We are doing a

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roll call. We didn't know if you could hear us.

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Douglas Clark, you were called first.

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Just want to make sure everyone can hear we are

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doing roll call.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm

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present. >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Please

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announce your physical location by stating the

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county, city township or village.

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Douglas Clark

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present attending from Rochester Hills,

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Michigan. >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA:

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Juanita Curry?

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Anthony Eid?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: .

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Steven

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Lett? >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

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Sar pas commissioner

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Rothhorn?

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>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present,

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eating chocolate. >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA:

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Erin Wagner?

02:36:09.000 --> 02:36:11.000  
>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: At this time, we

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will return to the in person public comment.

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When you hear your number called, you are going to step to

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the nearest microphone.

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In this case, at tree tops, we have

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one front and center. You will have two minutes to

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address the commission. When you hear the timer, you will hear

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it from the rear of the room this time.

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When you hear the timer, know that your two minutes

02:36:39.000 --> 02:36:41.000  
has end and you will conclude your remarks

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. This doesn't mean you continue much

02:36:44.000 --> 02:36:48.000  
past. We are operating on a currency.

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We don't want to cut anyone off. Be

02:36:51.000 --> 02:36:54.000  
mindful to finish up your sentence. We have a

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large timer on display, on my

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count, on this side. The timer shows up here

02:37:00.000 --> 02:37:04.000  
. Please be mindful of your time and

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please go to the public comment tool and share your

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comments in writing, including any specific area of

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the map about which you are speaking. Remember, you are

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educating us and making us aware of your community.

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We appreciate details. The comment tool

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is at Michigan .gov

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/MICRC.

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Without further ado, 15, we are ready

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to hear from you. Give me your name

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so you are not just a number. You are more than that.

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>> My name is Joe an. I am from

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Cheboyga

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g county. We are not fairly or accurately

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represented. Time and time again, we have asked two

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republican house representatives and the republican

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senator to represent us, to really listen and hear

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our concerns and take action on those

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concerns. Every time, we were denied

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representation. It continues to this day.

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We are a community of interest based on much of our

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county is based on our economy

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. Our economy is based on tourism,

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environment, fishing and shipping on the straits of mac

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knew. We are the home court of the coast

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guard cutter mackinac and we are

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dealing with the clear and present danger of line

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five dual pipeline.

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Please correct this injustice.

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Thank you. >> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so

02:38:55.000 --> 02:38:58.000  
much. 16?

02:38:58.000 --> 02:39:02.000  
My name is Debby pond.

02:39:02.000 --> 02:39:04.000  
I live in Cheboygan

02:39:04.000 --> 02:39:06.000  
. I'm here to talk about my community of

02:39:06.000 --> 02:39:10.000  
interest. Thank you commissioners for the

02:39:10.000 --> 02:39:13.000  
challenging and much appreciated work you are doing

02:39:13.000 --> 02:39:16.000  
to ensure Michigan voters have

02:39:16.000 --> 02:39:19.000  
equal opportunity and keep

02:39:19.000 --> 02:39:23.000  
communities of interest together. One of six and

02:39:23.000 --> 02:39:26.000  
sent house districts zigzag through

02:39:26.000 --> 02:39:29.000  
our county dividing townships and school

02:39:29.000 --> 02:39:32.000  
districts. It leads to confusion.

02:39:32.000 --> 02:39:35.000  
One district makes sense and one does not at all.

02:39:35.000 --> 02:39:39.000  
Because there are no hospitals, major industries or

02:39:39.000 --> 02:39:42.000  
big box stores besides

02:39:42.000 --> 02:39:45.000  
Walmart, most of us are tied to

02:39:45.000 --> 02:39:49.000  
grand Traverse p and

02:39:49.000 --> 02:39:53.000  
otsego county. We are dependent on the

02:39:53.000 --> 02:39:56.000  
counties for the tourism. It is a major source

02:39:56.000 --> 02:39:59.000  
of employment. Straits of mackinac are one of the

02:39:59.000 --> 02:40:02.000  
poplar tourist

02:40:02.000 --> 02:40:06.000  
areas. It is the area directly under the

02:40:06.000 --> 02:40:09.000  
bridge and encompasses many, many miles of

02:40:09.000 --> 02:40:12.000  
shoreline. As you may know,

02:40:12.000 --> 02:40:15.000  
the line five pipeline has been carrying oil

02:40:15.000 --> 02:40:18.000  
and natural gas under the straits for 67

02:40:18.000 --> 02:40:22.000  
years. Regardless of personal

02:40:22.000 --> 02:40:25.000  
feelings for or against the pipeline, any action

02:40:25.000 --> 02:40:28.000  
regarding the pipeline will have a direct

02:40:28.000 --> 02:40:32.000  
affect of the people of Ce

02:40:32.000 --> 02:40:35.000  
hboygan

02:40:35.000 --> 02:40:39.000  
county. I am an avid watcher of community

02:40:39.000 --> 02:40:42.000  
meetings. I remember someone saying it should

02:40:42.000 --> 02:40:46.000  
reflect where people live, work and play.

02:40:46.000 --> 02:40:49.000  
We deserve a say in what happens to waters,

02:40:49.000 --> 02:40:52.000  
tourism, jobs, health care, environment and

02:40:52.000 --> 02:40:55.000  
local economy. Chebo

02:40:55.000 --> 02:40:59.000  
ygan county belongs with

02:40:59.000 --> 02:41:00.000  
Emmitt and mac you County

02:41:00.000 --> 02:41:03.000  
. Thank you.

02:41:03.000 --> 02:41:06.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much.

02:41:06.000 --> 02:41:11.000  
17?

02:41:11.000 --> 02:41:14.000  
>> Hi.

02:41:14.000 --> 02:41:17.000  
My name is Barb knight. I'm

02:41:17.000 --> 02:41:20.000  
from pressfield. It is the only county

02:41:20.000 --> 02:41:23.000  
with no stoplights. And we love it that

02:41:23.000 --> 02:41:27.000  
way. We are agricultural.

02:41:27.000 --> 02:41:30.000  
We have a pocket of a

02:41:30.000 --> 02:41:34.000  
Polish community. We have a pocket of jer

02:41:34.000 --> 02:41:37.000  
man-Americans in Ro

02:41:37.000 --> 02:41:40.000  
Roger city.

02:41:40.000 --> 02:41:42.000  
We love our area.

02:41:42.000 --> 02:41:46.000  
It's quiet.

02:41:46.000 --> 02:41:49.000  
It's nature. If you hunt, come on.

02:41:49.000 --> 02:41:52.000  
If you fish, come on. I happen

02:41:52.000 --> 02:41:55.000  
to live on one of the big -- on the big

02:41:55.000 --> 02:41:58.000  
lake. I just watch birds.

02:41:58.000 --> 02:42:03.000  
I got a great library.

02:42:03.000 --> 02:42:06.000  
It's a wonderful place to live.

02:42:06.000 --> 02:42:09.000  
I would like to see it stay that way.

02:42:09.000 --> 02:42:12.000  
I'm in the 106th. I like the 106th.

02:42:12.000 --> 02:42:17.000  
When it's time to go have fun, that's when you go to

02:42:17.000 --> 02:42:21.000  
Petosky or

02:42:21.000 --> 02:42:24.000  
Alpena or somewhere else for the day. Your job is

02:42:24.000 --> 02:42:27.000  
cut out for you. Good luck.

02:42:27.000 --> 02:42:30.000  
Thank you for serving. Bye bye.

02:42:30.000 --> 02:42:33.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much for taking time to address the

02:42:33.000 --> 02:42:43.000  
commission. 18?

02:42:43.000 --> 02:42:47.000  
>> Good evening.

02:42:47.000 --> 02:42:50.000  
My governmental name is Maria fielder. My

02:42:50.000 --> 02:42:53.000  
Native American name is Wabano

02:42:53.000 --> 02:42:56.000  
coi. I'm a proud member of the

02:42:56.000 --> 02:43:00.000  
Sault Ste. Marie f

02:43:00.000 --> 02:43:02.000  
trooi tribe of Chippewa Indians.

02:43:02.000 --> 02:43:05.000  
I am chair for the Alpena democratic

02:43:05.000 --> 02:43:09.000  
party. I row side in Alpena, Michigan.

02:43:09.000 --> 02:43:12.000  
I am not here as chairperson or just

02:43:12.000 --> 02:43:15.000  
a democrat. I'm here because I am a lifelong

02:43:15.000 --> 02:43:18.000  
citizen and Native American Indian of

02:43:18.000 --> 02:43:21.000  
the upper peninsula of Michigan.

02:43:21.000 --> 02:43:24.000  
I feel unfairly represented in

02:43:24.000 --> 02:43:28.000  
Michigan due to the fact that over three

02:43:28.000 --> 02:43:31.000  
decades our state has been gerrymandered to the

02:43:31.000 --> 02:43:34.000  
point of silliness. Make no mistake,

02:43:34.000 --> 02:43:37.000  
voters have not been able to choose their

02:43:37.000 --> 02:43:40.000  
representatives. The party on the right has ensured

02:43:40.000 --> 02:43:44.000  
that. Gerrymandering pushed

02:43:44.000 --> 02:43:47.000  
Michiganers to the point of unfair representation

02:43:47.000 --> 02:43:50.000  
and voter -- this

02:43:50.000 --> 02:43:53.000  
is not healthy. I am imploring you to

02:43:53.000 --> 02:43:56.000  
ignore rhetoric from others and do the

02:43:56.000 --> 02:44:00.000  
job you have been entrusted with as you begin to draw

02:44:00.000 --> 02:44:03.000  
district lines. Please remember, districts shall

02:44:03.000 --> 02:44:06.000  
be of equal population and comply with the

02:44:06.000 --> 02:44:10.000  
voting rights act and all federal laws.

02:44:10.000 --> 02:44:13.000  
Districts shall be geographically

02:44:13.000 --> 02:44:16.000  
contiguous. They should reflect the state's

02:44:16.000 --> 02:44:19.000  
diverse population and communities of interest.

02:44:19.000 --> 02:44:22.000  
Remember that communities of interest do not include

02:44:22.000 --> 02:44:25.000  
relationships with political parties,

02:44:25.000 --> 02:44:29.000  
incumbents or political candidates. Above all,

02:44:29.000 --> 02:44:32.000  
remember the critical language,

02:44:32.000 --> 02:44:35.000  
districts shall not provide a disproportionate

02:44:35.000 --> 02:44:38.000  
advantage to any political party. Thank you so much for

02:44:38.000 --> 02:44:41.000  
the challenges you are facing and for your commitment

02:44:41.000 --> 02:44:45.000  
to provide a more fair map for all

02:44:45.000 --> 02:44:47.000  
Michiganders. You are, indeed, history in the making

02:44:47.000 --> 02:44:51.000  
. Thank you.

02:44:51.000 --> 02:44:52.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for sharing your heritage and

02:44:52.000 --> 02:44:55.000  
sentimentses. Thank you.

02:44:55.000 --> 02:44:58.000

>> I'm Arlan. I live

02:44:58.000 --> 02:45:02.000

here. I'm happy for our districts to

02:45:02.000 --> 02:45:04.000

be drawn by an independent

02:45:04.000 --> 02:45:07.000

commission. I thank you for coming to my part of

02:45:07.000 --> 02:45:10.000

the state and thankful to address this

02:45:10.000 --> 02:45:13.000

commission with my concerns. I like to think of

02:45:13.000 --> 02:45:16.000

myself as a mature and balance person.

02:45:16.000 --> 02:45:19.000

I don't expect every election will go my way

02:45:19.000 --> 02:45:22.000

. I am politically moderately democratic

02:45:22.000 --> 02:45:27.000

and accept I'm living near

02:45:27.000 --> 02:45:30.000

fellow citizens. It's based on where

02:45:30.000 --> 02:45:33.000

I have chosen to live. Here is what's not

02:45:33.000 --> 02:45:37.000

acceptable to me. In election after election here

02:45:37.000 --> 02:45:41.000

in Michigan, more votes are cast for

02:45:41.000 --> 02:45:43.000

democrats than republicans, but republicans fill the delegation.

02:45:43.000 --> 02:45:47.000

I have to ask mooisz why and what can

02:45:47.000 --> 02:45:50.000

be done to make the situation more fair.

02:45:50.000 --> 02:45:53.000

The answer is, in part, the way the boundaries

02:45:53.000 --> 02:45:57.000  
are drawn. People have the opportunity to vote

02:45:57.000 --> 02:46:00.000  
together. It will be reflected in the

02:46:00.000 --> 02:46:03.000  
balance of power in our government. The districts can

02:46:03.000 --> 02:46:07.000  
be drawn in a way that divides people in a

02:46:07.000 --> 02:46:10.000  
political persuasion and preordains

02:46:10.000 --> 02:46:14.000  
they will represent the opposite of my

02:46:14.000 --> 02:46:17.000  
persuasion, in my case. I accept that I'll

02:46:17.000 --> 02:46:19.000  
be outvoted loekically. You have the

02:46:19.000 --> 02:46:23.000  
power to choose from different sets of maps.

02:46:23.000 --> 02:46:26.000  
Select a set of maps representative of the overall

02:46:26.000 --> 02:46:29.000  
political balance in Michigan. It's my understanding the

02:46:29.000 --> 02:46:33.000  
commission will have access to data to reflect the

02:46:33.000 --> 02:46:36.000  
political persuasion of voters. I don't

02:46:36.000 --> 02:46:39.000  
ask the commission put me in a

02:46:39.000 --> 02:46:43.000  
majority of similarly aligned voters. The

02:46:43.000 --> 02:46:46.000  
overall set of maps will roughly reflect the

02:46:46.000 --> 02:46:49.000  
overall political persuasion of the whole state

02:46:49.000 --> 02:46:52.000  
. I expect the commission will consider

02:46:52.000 --> 02:46:57.000  
political party data using data of

02:46:57.000 --> 02:47:00.000  
fairness including the map to en

02:47:00.000 --> 02:47:03.000  
sure a fair opportunity to reflect a

02:47:03.000 --> 02:47:04.000  
fair legislature. Thank you very much.

02:47:04.000 --> 02:47:08.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much

02:47:08.000 --> 02:47:20.000  
for sharing with the commission. 20?

02:47:20.000 --> 02:47:24.000  
>> Hello.

02:47:24.000 --> 02:47:27.000  
My name is roks an and I'm from Gaylord

02:47:27.000 --> 02:47:30.000  
. I have lived here 30 years.

02:47:30.000 --> 02:47:33.000  
The previous 30 years, I was down state.

02:47:33.000 --> 02:47:37.000  
It's a totally different world. Down state, you have TV

02:47:37.000 --> 02:47:40.000  
channels, 3, 6, 9, whatever. Up

02:47:40.000 --> 02:47:43.000  
here, we have 29 and 8. 9

02:47:43.000 --> 02:47:47.000  
and 10 and 7 and 4. We

02:47:47.000 --> 02:47:50.000  
have down state, you have a school district

02:47:50.000 --> 02:47:53.000  
. Here we have

02:47:53.000 --> 02:47:57.000  
two counties.

02:47:57.000 --> 02:48:00.000  
Mecosta and os owe la share

02:48:00.000 --> 02:48:04.000  
a 911 dispatch.

02:48:04.000 --> 02:48:07.000  
Traverse city and Lee len gnaw

02:48:07.000 --> 02:48:10.000  
share transportation system among a number of

02:48:10.000 --> 02:48:14.000  
other things. They are also our

02:48:14.000 --> 02:48:17.000  
own urban area. They are very tied together.

02:48:17.000 --> 02:48:20.000  
As other people have said, there are

02:48:20.000 --> 02:48:23.000  
ties all over. Down state, you say, oh,

02:48:23.000 --> 02:48:27.000  
Ann Arbor is 1500 miles away. Up here,

02:48:27.000 --> 02:48:30.000  
Traverse city is an hour and a half away.

02:48:30.000 --> 02:48:33.000  
Pes to ski is 45 minutes away. Down

02:48:33.000 --> 02:48:36.000  
state, oh, they are rural. We are.

02:48:36.000 --> 02:48:40.000  
We are all rural. That doesn't mean it's

02:48:40.000 --> 02:48:43.000  
all the same kind of rural. Along the

02:48:43.000 --> 02:48:46.000  
coastline, along the west, you have the fruit

02:48:46.000 --> 02:48:50.000  
farmers and the wineries. In

02:48:50.000 --> 02:48:53.000  
otsego county and to the east, you have potato

02:48:53.000 --> 02:48:57.000  
farmers. Yes, they are farmers, but it's

02:48:57.000 --> 02:49:00.000  
a totally different ecology. It's a

02:49:00.000 --> 02:49:03.000  
totally different farming mind set. I think

02:49:03.000 --> 02:49:06.000  
it's important we don't have the ethnic differences you

02:49:06.000 --> 02:49:10.000  
do down state, but we do have special

02:49:10.000 --> 02:49:13.000  
interests that do clump together. It isn't

02:49:13.000 --> 02:49:16.000  
just whether you are a hunter or a fisherman

02:49:16.000 --> 02:49:19.000  
or tourism is important. It's important all

02:49:19.000 --> 02:49:22.000  
over northern Michigan. There are other things that need

02:49:22.000 --> 02:49:25.000  
to be taken into consideration

02:49:25.000 --> 02:49:29.000  
to keep those communities of interest together.

02:49:29.000 --> 02:49:31.000  
Thank you for the job you are doing. You have your work cut out

02:49:31.000 --> 02:49:35.000  
for you. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so

02:49:35.000 --> 02:49:38.000  
much. I think that's a good time to also,

02:49:38.000 --> 02:49:41.000  
again, remind you all of the public comment tool

02:49:41.000 --> 02:49:44.000  
and how you are always welcome and

02:49:44.000 --> 02:49:48.000  
the opportunity is available to share your

02:49:48.000 --> 02:49:53.000  
comments in writing, including any specific area of

02:49:53.000 --> 02:49:56.000  
your town, your community that you are speaking of this evening

02:49:56.000 --> 02:50:00.000  
. Again, our public comment tool is

02:50:00.000 --> 02:50:03.000  
Michigan .gov/

02:50:03.000 --> 02:50:06.000  
MICRC. You must be, you are not 21,

02:50:06.000 --> 02:50:08.000  
you are going to tell us your name. You are more than a

02:50:08.000 --> 02:50:11.000  
name. >> 22.

02:50:11.000 --> 02:50:14.000  
I'm kidding, I'm 21. >> CHAIR KELLOM: I

02:50:14.000 --> 02:50:16.000  
was going to say. >> Wake up efrnd.

02:50:16.000 --> 02:50:19.000  
[ Laughter ]

02:50:19.000 --> 02:50:22.000  
>> Hi. My name is Jennifer To

02:50:22.000 --> 02:50:25.000  
zer. I live in two counties south of here

02:50:25.000 --> 02:50:29.000  
. Technically, I pay my taxes in

02:50:29.000 --> 02:50:32.000  
Crawford county. However, my kids go to school in

02:50:32.000 --> 02:50:36.000  
Roscommon. If I cross the street, I'm in

02:50:36.000 --> 02:50:39.000  
Roscommon. I would like to ask, if you are

02:50:39.000 --> 02:50:43.000  
sitting down and making your lines and deciding your

02:50:43.000 --> 02:50:46.000  
districts, to keep in mind those counties that share

02:50:46.000 --> 02:50:49.000  
things like school districts. We have one

02:50:49.000 --> 02:50:52.000  
main road besides the interstate that

02:50:52.000 --> 02:50:56.000  
goes up Ross common. In Crawford county

02:50:56.000 --> 02:50:59.000  
, it veers west and separates the counties.

02:50:59.000 --> 02:51:03.000  
Using main roads may not be the

02:51:03.000 --> 02:51:06.000  
best option when you are thinking of where to

02:51:06.000 --> 02:51:09.000  
separate a district from. A lot of

02:51:09.000 --> 02:51:12.000  
counties share, like you said, resources and

02:51:12.000 --> 02:51:15.000  
districts by everything.

02:51:15.000 --> 02:51:18.000  
I'm in two counties, but it's like

02:51:18.000 --> 02:51:21.000  
living in one. Just asking you to be

02:51:21.000 --> 02:51:25.000  
conscious of major roads and counties that

02:51:25.000 --> 02:51:27.000  
share common municipalities and

02:51:27.000 --> 02:51:29.000  
districts. That's it.

02:51:29.000 --> 02:51:31.000  
Thank you. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so

02:51:31.000 --> 02:51:34.000  
much. Now, 22.

02:51:34.000 --> 02:51:41.000  
The real 22.

02:51:41.000 --> 02:51:44.000  
>> Hi.

02:51:44.000 --> 02:51:47.000  
My name is darren. I'm a dairy farmer from

02:51:47.000 --> 02:51:50.000  
banks township. I would like to thank you for making

02:51:50.000 --> 02:51:54.000  
the effort to call these public input meetings

02:51:54.000 --> 02:51:57.000  
at different locations in the state. I just

02:51:57.000 --> 02:52:00.000  
finished milking a cow and had a 50-

02:52:00.000 --> 02:52:03.000  
minute trooif here. Thank you

02:52:03.000 --> 02:52:06.000  
. Rural northern Michigan is my

02:52:06.000 --> 02:52:10.000  
community of interest, especially C

02:52:10.000 --> 02:52:13.000  
harlevoi

02:52:13.000 --> 02:52:16.000  
x. I'm on the board for the local farm

02:52:16.000 --> 02:52:20.000  
bureau. At our meetings, local farmers get

02:52:20.000 --> 02:52:23.000  
together to discuss how to benefit agriculture

02:52:23.000 --> 02:52:26.000  
in Antrim county

02:52:26.000 --> 02:52:29.000  
, Michigan. Issues such as property rights

02:52:29.000 --> 02:52:33.000  
, taxes, environmental

02:52:33.000 --> 02:52:36.000  
properties. There are farm bureau

02:52:36.000 --> 02:52:39.000  
Chapters in all counties of Michigan. We share many of the

02:52:39.000 --> 02:52:42.000  
same values. I ask that you keep rural

02:52:42.000 --> 02:52:45.000  
counties across the state and in Antrim

02:52:45.000 --> 02:52:48.000  
county together to continue to work on the issues.

02:52:48.000 --> 02:52:50.000  
Thank you for your time.

02:52:50.000 --> 02:52:55.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for taking your time to come speak with

02:52:55.000 --> 02:52:58.000  
us. 23?

02:52:58.000 --> 02:53:01.000  
>> Yes, my name is James. I'm from

02:53:01.000 --> 02:53:04.000  
the suicide prevention c

02:53:04.000 --> 02:53:07.000  
coalition. My interest

02:53:07.000 --> 02:53:11.000  
is the entire state of Michigan. I

02:53:11.000 --> 02:53:14.000  
assure you the trust of the community will come when you

02:53:14.000 --> 02:53:17.000  
start to begin to follow the rules.

02:53:17.000 --> 02:53:20.000  
The rules are not being followed here,

02:53:20.000 --> 02:53:23.000  
in my personal opinion. Based on fact, I believe the

02:53:23.000 --> 02:53:27.000  
rules and procedure of this commission have been

02:53:27.000 --> 02:53:31.000  
gerrymandered, willfully by the Michigan

02:53:31.000 --> 02:53:34.000  
secretary of state, Michigan State University,

02:53:34.000 --> 02:53:37.000  
University of Michigan and the princeton gerrymandering

02:53:37.000 --> 02:53:40.000  
project because they provided

02:53:40.000 --> 02:53:43.000  
you with draft rules

02:53:43.000 --> 02:53:47.000  
of procedure and you approved it. You

02:53:47.000 --> 02:53:50.000  
didn't approve the actual rule book. They

02:53:50.000 --> 02:53:54.000  
didn't give you the rule book. They said use these

02:53:54.000 --> 02:53:57.000  
cheat sheets for a nonprofit. You are running it like

02:53:57.000 --> 02:54:00.000  
a nonprofit. This is my point, right here.

02:54:00.000 --> 02:54:03.000  
Point of order, madam chair, because

02:54:03.000 --> 02:54:07.000  
you clearly stated to the community, you are confused.

02:54:07.000 --> 02:54:10.000  
I believe you are still confused about the rules because nobody ex

02:54:10.000 --> 02:54:14.000  
plained it to you or helped you. Motion to

02:54:14.000 --> 02:54:18.000  
lay on the table. The motion is laid on the table to en

02:54:18.000 --> 02:54:21.000  
able the pending question

02:54:21.000 --> 02:54:25.000  
while something else arises and when something

02:54:25.000 --> 02:54:26.000  
else needs to be addressed before consideration of the

02:54:26.000 --> 02:54:29.000  
pending question. Okay.

02:54:29.000 --> 02:54:33.000  
Then it says this motion is commonly misused in

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ordinary assemblies and is placed

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in the motion to postpone. That's what you should

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have done, motion to postpone to the next meeting

02:54:42.000 --> 02:54:46.000  
, not lay on the table. It says such action

02:54:46.000 --> 02:54:49.000  
, the rule book. Violates the rights of the

02:54:49.000 --> 02:54:52.000  
minority and individual members if it is not for the purpose

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other than one stated in the first sentence in

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ordinary assemblies, the motion to lay

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on the table is out of order if it is evident

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to kill a measure and if a timed for

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resuming consideration is specified in making the motion

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, it can be admitted only as a motion to

02:55:14.000 --> 02:55:17.000  
postpone. >> CHAIR KELLOM: James your two

02:55:17.000 --> 02:55:20.000  
minutes is up by our rules. Your two minutes

02:55:20.000 --> 02:55:23.000  
is up. >> By laws committee as a

02:55:23.000 --> 02:55:25.000  
whole so you can address the issues.

02:55:25.000 --> 02:55:29.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for

02:55:29.000 --> 02:55:30.000  
addressing the commission. Thank you for keeping us on our

02:55:30.000 --> 02:55:34.000  
toes. Thank you.

02:55:34.000 --> 02:55:37.000  
>> I don't know what this guy is doing.

02:55:37.000 --> 02:55:42.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: 24?

02:55:42.000 --> 02:55:45.000  
>> Greetings members of the

02:55:45.000 --> 02:55:48.000  
commission. My name is randy.

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I live here in otsego county. Two stone

02:55:51.000 --> 02:55:55.000  
throws from Antrim County.

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I'm here not to try to de

02:55:59.000 --> 02:56:02.000  
fine a specific community of interest

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but my concern is what happens with

02:56:06.000 --> 02:56:09.000  
communities of interest after the process is

02:56:09.000 --> 02:56:13.000  
complete. Now, I understand that

02:56:13.000 --> 02:56:17.000  
they are, you know, put together and

02:56:17.000 --> 02:56:21.000  
compiled then given to a computer program to

02:56:21.000 --> 02:56:24.000  
draw the actual

02:56:24.000 --> 02:56:28.000  
boundaries and that computer program is

02:56:28.000 --> 02:56:32.000  
owned by a political consulting firm. I

02:56:32.000 --> 02:56:36.000  
just hope that you will make sure that

02:56:36.000 --> 02:56:39.000  
the impartiality is maintained

02:56:39.000 --> 02:56:42.000  
by the use of that program and that

02:56:42.000 --> 02:56:46.000  
possibly something else might be

02:56:46.000 --> 02:56:48.000  
employed to do that same job. Thank you.

02:56:48.000 --> 02:56:51.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, randy.

02:56:51.000 --> 02:57:00.000  
25?

02:57:00.000 --> 02:57:03.000  
>> Hi.

02:57:03.000 --> 02:57:06.000  
I'm going to keep this quick. So many people have already said

02:57:06.000 --> 02:57:09.000  
what I would like to say. It's

02:57:09.000 --> 02:57:12.000  
just that our trust is shaken.

02:57:12.000 --> 02:57:15.000  
shaken and really hoping you can

02:57:15.000 --> 02:57:19.000  
restore it. Keep the districts or

02:57:19.000 --> 02:57:22.000  
make the districts fair, as fair as

02:57:22.000 --> 02:57:23.000  
possible. That's really it.

02:57:23.000 --> 02:57:26.000  
You have a tough job.

02:57:26.000 --> 02:57:29.000  
Thank you for giving us a chance to talk.

02:57:29.000 --> 02:57:32.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for coming out and thank you for

02:57:32.000 --> 02:57:41.000  
understanding. 26?

02:57:41.000 --> 02:57:44.000  
26?

02:57:44.000 --> 02:57:49.000  
Don't be shy.

02:57:49.000 --> 02:57:53.000  
Okay.

02:57:53.000 --> 02:58:01.000  
27?

02:58:01.000 --> 02:58:04.000  
>> Hello, I'm Stephanie Jamison

02:58:04.000 --> 02:58:07.000  
from Gaylord. You all lucked

02:58:07.000 --> 02:58:10.000  
out because last week was 40 degrees and

02:58:10.000 --> 02:58:12.000  
snowing. Welcome to beautiful, sunny northern

02:58:12.000 --> 02:58:15.000  
Michigan. Thank you for your time.

02:58:15.000 --> 02:58:18.000  
I didn't vote for this ballot proposal.

02:58:18.000 --> 02:58:21.000  
I tend to disagree with the whole

02:58:21.000 --> 02:58:25.000  
mob rule sort of thing but we got it. I

02:58:25.000 --> 02:58:28.000  
thank you for doing this job. I certainly wouldn't

02:58:28.000 --> 02:58:31.000  
want it. I didn't have a lot

02:58:31.000 --> 02:58:34.000  
to say, I was just here learning.

02:58:34.000 --> 02:58:37.000  
A couple people made points that I

02:58:37.000 --> 02:58:40.000  
wanted to -- I thought were, at least my feelings as

02:58:40.000 --> 02:58:43.000  
well. The lady over here, I think you were

02:58:43.000 --> 02:58:46.000  
20 and the first lady. There is a

02:58:46.000 --> 02:58:50.000  
big difference between the urban

02:58:50.000 --> 02:58:53.000  
up here and the rural. I do really

02:58:53.000 --> 02:58:56.000  
feel that difference isn't well

02:58:56.000 --> 02:58:59.000  
represented in both of our states and districts

02:58:59.000 --> 02:59:02.000

. I have tried to think, I have

02:59:02.000 --> 02:59:06.000

lived in both of them over the past five years.

02:59:06.000 --> 02:59:10.000

I have tried to think of the last times I have seen

02:59:10.000 --> 02:59:12.000

those senators and it's never. I feel like

02:59:12.000 --> 02:59:16.000

they are gravitating toward the cities.

02:59:16.000 --> 02:59:20.000

The farms are different there. The community is different there.

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I don't know if anything could be done

02:59:22.000 --> 02:59:25.000

about that, but I appreciate you looking into it.

02:59:25.000 --> 02:59:28.000

I think people made excellent points about how

02:59:28.000 --> 02:59:31.000

we, in the rural area share different things

02:59:31.000 --> 02:59:35.000

the government wants to do for us. I appreciate your

02:59:35.000 --> 02:59:37.000

time and good luck to you. Thanks for coming.

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>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so

02:59:41.000 --> 02:59:45.000

much. If 26 is still not here, 27 made our

02:59:45.000 --> 02:59:48.000

last -- 27, yes.

02:59:48.000 --> 02:59:51.000

If 26, you are not here,

02:59:51.000 --> 02:59:54.000

doesn't seem like you are here at all, 27

02:59:54.000 --> 02:59:58.000

made our last public comment for in

02:59:58.000 --> 03:00:03.000  
person. At this time, we'll be moving to

03:00:03.000 --> 03:00:06.000  
virtual. I think I'm getting a note.

03:00:06.000 --> 03:00:09.000  
Oh, okay.

03:00:09.000 --> 03:00:12.000  
Thank you. We encourage you

03:00:12.000 --> 03:00:15.000  
all to hang in there with us and stay for

03:00:15.000 --> 03:00:19.000  
our remote public comment and still

03:00:19.000 --> 03:00:20.000  
learn and listen. If you can't, you can't.

03:00:20.000 --> 03:00:23.000  
Totally understandable.

03:00:23.000 --> 03:00:26.000  
Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would

03:00:26.000 --> 03:00:30.000  
like to provide live, remote

03:00:30.000 --> 03:00:33.000  
public commentary to the commission will now be

03:00:33.000 --> 03:00:36.000  
allowed to do so. I will call your first and

03:00:36.000 --> 03:00:39.000  
last name to the best of my ability. Please

03:00:39.000 --> 03:00:42.000  
feel free to correct me if I

03:00:42.000 --> 03:00:45.000  
mispronounce your name because names are important

03:00:45.000 --> 03:00:49.000  
. If you are on a computer, you will be

03:00:49.000 --> 03:00:52.000  
prompted to unmute your zoom and speak

03:00:52.000 --> 03:00:56.000  
. If you are on the phone, it will say

03:00:56.000 --> 03:01:00.000  
the host would like you to speak and

03:01:00.000 --> 03:01:03.000  
press star 6. I will call

03:01:03.000 --> 03:01:07.000  
you by name. If you experience technical

03:01:07.000 --> 03:01:10.000  
or audio issues where we do not hear

03:01:10.000 --> 03:01:13.000  
from you, we will move to the next person in line and return

03:01:13.000 --> 03:01:16.000  
to you after they are done speaking. If your audio

03:01:16.000 --> 03:01:20.000  
still does not work, you can e-mail

03:01:20.000 --> 03:01:24.000  
Redistricting@Michigan.Gov and we will help you troubleshoot to

03:01:24.000 --> 03:01:28.000  
participate in the next public comment

03:01:28.000 --> 03:01:31.000  
hearing or meeting. First in line

03:01:31.000 --> 03:01:34.000  
is Gerald Shaat

03:01:34.000 --> 03:01:37.000  
s. Allow a couple minutes for staff

03:01:37.000 --> 03:01:40.000  
to unmute you, please, Gerald

03:01:40.000 --> 03:01:43.000  
. When you

03:01:43.000 --> 03:01:46.000  
see -- >> Thank you very much,

03:01:46.000 --> 03:01:50.000  
madam chair. Good evening, commissioners.

03:01:50.000 --> 03:01:53.000  
My name is Gerald Shaat

03:01:53.000 --> 03:01:55.000  
s. I live in the village of northport.

03:01:55.000 --> 03:01:59.000  
I am not a snow bird.

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I thank you very much for volunteering for

03:02:02.000 --> 03:02:06.000  
a very tough job because

03:02:06.000 --> 03:02:09.000  
fitting populations

03:02:09.000 --> 03:02:13.000  
and geographies and the

03:02:13.000 --> 03:02:16.000  
criteria for decision is a tough call.

03:02:16.000 --> 03:02:20.000  
It requires a great deal of care

03:02:20.000 --> 03:02:27.000  
and

03:02:27.000 --> 03:02:30.000  
empathy for people in different situations.

03:02:30.000 --> 03:02:34.000  
I want to point out the fourth and fifth

03:02:34.000 --> 03:02:38.000  
criteria, fairness are not

03:02:38.000 --> 03:02:41.000  
exclusive nor are any of the criteria

03:02:41.000 --> 03:02:44.000  
mutually exclusive. That in mind, I

03:02:44.000 --> 03:02:47.000  
suggest a way to think about what we all share

03:02:47.000 --> 03:02:50.000  
. This is my shared interest.

03:02:50.000 --> 03:02:53.000  
I share it, I think, with most of the people in

03:02:53.000 --> 03:02:57.000  
Michigan. No

03:02:57.000 --> 03:03:00.000  
district shape or boundaries should enable anyone

03:03:00.000 --> 03:03:03.000  
to confidently predict the

03:03:03.000 --> 03:03:09.000  
election outcome in that district.

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Following from that, the totality of

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apportionments in our congressional and state

03:03:17.000 --> 03:03:20.000  
legislative districts should

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not allow anyone to confidently predict

03:03:23.000 --> 03:03:27.000  
election outcomes statewide.

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To think otherwise is encourage

03:03:31.000 --> 03:03:34.000  
cynicism by our elected officials

03:03:34.000 --> 03:03:38.000  
and by our

03:03:38.000 --> 03:03:42.000  
electorate. I think we have enough cynicism and I

03:03:42.000 --> 03:03:45.000  
think you would agree, as would the people

03:03:45.000 --> 03:03:48.000  
who spoke here earlier tonight that

03:03:48.000 --> 03:03:51.000  
what we all seek is fairness. That

03:03:51.000 --> 03:03:54.000  
's hard to achieve but we don't

03:03:54.000 --> 03:03:57.000  
want elections as a done deal in

03:03:57.000 --> 03:04:01.000  
advance. We need people to engage.

03:04:01.000 --> 03:04:02.000  
Thank you very much.

03:04:02.000 --> 03:04:05.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much

03:04:05.000 --> 03:04:08.000  
for sharing your comments this evening.

03:04:08.000 --> 03:04:11.000  
We have two more public comments. Before we do so,

03:04:11.000 --> 03:04:15.000  
we'll give you all and ourselves a five-

03:04:15.000 --> 03:04:34.000  
minute break.

03:04:34.000 --> 03:04:37.000  
It wasn't a secret, I was asking

03:04:37.000 --> 03:04:38.000  
if they want a break for five minutes.

03:04:38.000 --> 03:04:40.000  
Nope?

03:04:40.000 --> 03:04:42.000  
Okay. We are going to keep going.

03:04:42.000 --> 03:04:45.000  
All right. Yeah.

03:04:45.000 --> 03:04:48.000  
Good. We are a happy group.

03:04:48.000 --> 03:04:51.000  
Our second virtual public comment is

03:04:51.000 --> 03:04:54.000  
Barbara Connolly. Remembering you are allowing a

03:04:54.000 --> 03:04:58.000  
couple moments for our staff

03:04:58.000 --> 03:05:06.000  
to unmute you.

03:05:06.000 --> 03:05:09.000  
Good evening, Barbara.

03:05:09.000 --> 03:05:13.000  
>> Hi. Thank you for taking my comments

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. I do live in north

03:05:16.000 --> 03:05:20.000  
port as well in Leila gnaw County

03:05:20.000 --> 03:05:23.000  
, Michigan. I would like to make two points

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, to encourage you to draw fair

03:05:26.000 --> 03:05:29.000  
maps. In April, 2019, Michigan east

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first congressional district was deemed to have

03:05:32.000 --> 03:05:36.000  
been gerrymandered. I believe

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voters need to pick their representatives, not the

03:05:39.000 --> 03:05:44.000  
other way around. Second, I would like to speak to the

03:05:44.000 --> 03:05:47.000  
points of interest. We have ties to northern

03:05:47.000 --> 03:05:51.000  
Grand Traverse County and the citizens near

03:05:51.000 --> 03:05:54.000  
lake Michigan and grand Traverse bay may

03:05:54.000 --> 03:05:57.000  
be communities of interest. The two counties

03:05:57.000 --> 03:06:00.000  
were responsible for the cherry cap

03:06:00.000 --> 03:06:03.000  
capitol airport. Health care

03:06:03.000 --> 03:06:07.000  
is largely available only in Traverse city.

03:06:07.000 --> 03:06:10.000  
In addition, the two counties share agricultural

03:06:10.000 --> 03:06:14.000  
tie ins cherry, wine, grapes and other

03:06:14.000 --> 03:06:17.000  
fruit growing as well as the farm-to-table effort.

03:06:17.000 --> 03:06:20.000  
They share an intermediate school

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district and, of course, tourism. They might be

03:06:23.000 --> 03:06:27.000  
considered together for Michigan house district.

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Leelana

03:06:30.000 --> 03:06:33.000  
u county shares with another

03:06:33.000 --> 03:06:37.000  
county and cherry farming and

03:06:37.000 --> 03:06:41.000  
tourism with Emmitt

03:06:41.000 --> 03:06:43.000  
County and the shore counties might be

03:06:43.000 --> 03:06:46.000  
considered for a state senate district.

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I ask for fair districts so

03:06:49.000 --> 03:06:53.000  
representatives with congress and state legislature reflect the bill of

03:06:53.000 --> 03:06:56.000  
the voters and no one feels their vote is wasted.

03:06:56.000 --> 03:06:59.000  
I ask the commission to draw districts that take

03:06:59.000 --> 03:07:02.000  
into account how citizens relate to each

03:07:02.000 --> 03:07:05.000  
other, not draw to favor incumbents

03:07:05.000 --> 03:07:09.000  
or specific political party and to join lots of

03:07:09.000 --> 03:07:12.000  
others, thank you so much to all of you for serving on this

03:07:12.000 --> 03:07:17.000  
committee. Your service is

03:07:17.000 --> 03:07:20.000  
greatly appreciated. Thank you.

03:07:20.000 --> 03:07:24.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you for taking time to address this

03:07:24.000 --> 03:07:27.000  
commission. Our last virtual public comment is

03:07:27.000 --> 03:07:34.000  
Robert.

03:07:34.000 --> 03:07:37.000  
Allow two minutes for staff to unmute

03:07:37.000 --> 03:07:40.000  
you. >>

03:07:40.000 --> 03:07:42.000  
Hello, everybody. Can you hear me?

03:07:42.000 --> 03:07:44.000  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, we can hear you.

03:07:44.000 --> 03:07:48.000  
Good evening. >> Very good.

03:07:48.000 --> 03:07:51.000  
I would like to thank you commissioners for serving on

03:07:51.000 --> 03:07:54.000  
this commission. I would like to say the northern

03:07:54.000 --> 03:07:56.000  
Michigan district senate house need no changing.

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The first congressional district is

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made up of the up north counties, 44

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% of Michigan including 16 counties be

03:08:06.000 --> 03:08:09.000  
low the bridge and all the upper peninsula.

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The communities of interest include tourism, farming,

03:08:13.000 --> 03:08:16.000  
natural resources including oil, gas,

03:08:16.000 --> 03:08:19.000  
timber, minerals such as iron or

03:08:19.000 --> 03:08:22.000  
and copper. This is rural and we often travel

03:08:22.000 --> 03:08:25.000  
a county or two over to do our banking,

03:08:25.000 --> 03:08:28.000  
doctoring, to do our social activities.

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The 36th and 37th state senate

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districts represent the tip of the mid and part

03:08:35.000 --> 03:08:38.000  
of the U.P. eastern. Northern Michigan

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residents tend to do their major shopping, medical

03:08:42.000 --> 03:08:45.000  
trips and attend colleges based on

03:08:45.000 --> 03:08:48.000  
geographics in this area. Which side of I

03:08:48.000 --> 03:08:52.000  
-75, east or west? The east side, you

03:08:52.000 --> 03:08:55.000  
head toward Alpena. The west side,

03:08:55.000 --> 03:08:58.000  
Traverse city or Peto

03:08:58.000 --> 03:09:02.000  
sky. This

03:09:02.000 --> 03:09:05.000  
geographical alignment represents the 36th and 37

03:09:05.000 --> 03:09:08.000  
th. The 105th house

03:09:08.000 --> 03:09:11.000  
district is a community interest due to several

03:09:11.000 --> 03:09:15.000  
factors. They are made of the snow

03:09:15.000 --> 03:09:18.000  
belt. We receive an

03:09:18.000 --> 03:09:21.000  
abundance of white stuff in the winter.

03:09:21.000 --> 03:09:24.000  
This is great for snow activities.

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It is home to several ski resorts.

03:09:26.000 --> 03:09:30.000  
Snowmobiling is a win fall for the

03:09:30.000 --> 03:09:33.000  
area, breathing an economic life into an otherwise

03:09:33.000 --> 03:09:37.000  
difficult time for business. Melting snow

03:09:37.000 --> 03:09:41.000  
contributes to lakes and streams promoting

03:09:41.000 --> 03:09:44.000  
fishing and boating. The 105th

03:09:44.000 --> 03:09:47.000  
house district is the abundance of gas, oil

03:09:47.000 --> 03:09:51.000  
and timber production.

03:09:51.000 --> 03:09:54.000  
They share a reef and the abundance of

03:09:54.000 --> 03:09:59.000  
forested lands. Northern Michigan crude is put into

03:09:59.000 --> 03:10:02.000  
line five to Detroit. I thank you for your

03:10:02.000 --> 03:10:06.000  
time. >> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you

03:10:06.000 --> 03:10:09.000  
so much for taking time to address the commission.

03:10:09.000 --> 03:10:12.000  
At this time, our public comment and

03:10:12.000 --> 03:10:16.000  
in person public comment and virtual

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public comment portion of our agenda has

03:10:19.000 --> 03:10:22.000  
ended. A reminder to everyone listening and

03:10:22.000 --> 03:10:25.000  
watching, thank you for

03:10:25.000 --> 03:10:28.000  
addressing the commission. Please go to our public comment

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tool and share your comments in writing,

03:10:32.000 --> 03:10:34.000  
including a specific area you are making mention of or

03:10:34.000 --> 03:10:37.000  
anything you are silently thinking about.

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The tool, one last time is located at

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Michigan.gh ov/

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MICRC. We'll move on

03:10:47.000 --> 03:10:50.000  
to the acknowledgements. If there are no

03:10:50.000 --> 03:10:53.000  
objections, we'll have the executive director

03:10:53.000 --> 03:11:02.000  
, Sue Hammersmith, provide acknowledgements.

03:11:02.000 --> 03:11:06.000  
Hearing no objection, please

03:11:06.000 --> 03:11:08.000  
proceed executive Hammersmith.

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>> COMMISSIONER HAMMERSMITH: I

03:11:11.000 --> 03:11:14.000  
would like to thank the volunteers and the

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provided public comment. Thank you for coming out.

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We appreciate it. Remember, you can go to Michigan.

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gov/MICRC to put that

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public comment on a map for us or in writing in the

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tool. Then we hope to see people at our

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future public hearings. They are all listed on the website

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. Next week we'll be in mid

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land on Tuesday and Lansing on Thursday.

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If you have family or friends who live in those

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communities, we hope you encourage them to come out and

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give their comments about their communities, also.

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Thank you so much for being here this

03:11:50.000 --> 03:11:54.000  
evening. >> CHAIR KELLOM: Big thank you to

03:11:54.000 --> 03:11:57.000  
the executive director, Sue Hammersmith for

03:11:57.000 --> 03:12:00.000  
acknowledgements. We have no further agenda items.

03:12:00.000 --> 03:12:03.000  
The commission has no further business.

03:12:03.000 --> 03:12:06.000  
A motion to adjourn is in order. >> So

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moved. >> Second.

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>> All in favor, signify with a

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raised hand. All

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opposed? The

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meeting has been adjourned at 8:0

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3. Thank you, everyone, for coming out