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Senator Omar Aquino, Chair Senate Redistricting Committee
Senator Jason Barickman, Minority Spokesman

Representative Elizabeth Hernandez, Chair House Redistricting Committee
Representative Tim Butler, Minority Spokesman

Over the past weekend the House and Senate Redistricting Committees released their first proposal to redraw the legislative districts. As Mayor of Quincy, Illinois, I am writing to express my concern that the map as introduced divides Adams County into three House Districts and two Senate Districts.

On behalf of the citizens of Quincy and Adams County, I would ask that the three townships on the Southern border (Fall Creek, Payson, and Richfield) and Burton Township of Adams County that have been drawn into the 100th House District and the three townships on the Northeast Corner of Adams County (Keene, Houston, and Northeast) that have been drawn into the 94th District be restored to the 99th House District and 50th Senate District to keep Adams County whole.

I make this request because these townships share a community of interest with Quincy and within this County on regional and statewide issues---a bond that that has been built and reinforced in state legislative maps since 1981. Under the proposed changes, they are at the tail end of population centers 75 to 100 miles distant. Under the best of scenarios, the result will be significantly reduced access to their representative and senator and a reduced understanding from those they can access of the issues that concern them.

As the redistricting process draws to a close over the next few days and the district lines are hardened for the next decade, I sincerely hope you will consider making this change.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Troup
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CC: Senator Jil Tracy
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