

Redistricting map testimony

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to redistrictingcommittee

Please consider the following testimony in advance of today's redistricting hearing:

The 3rd Congressional District has historically represented residents of Chicago's southwest side and southwest suburbs. For nearly three decades, the district has represented constituents as far northeast as Bridgeport and I urge mapmakers to continue this tradition.

IL-3 has a history as a working class stronghold containing southwest side neighborhoods with common interests in terms of industry, manufacturing, environmental concerns, transportation, and organized labor.

My concern with the proposed map is that it splits the city's southwest side across several districts, making it more difficult for residents to have their voices heard through a single congressional representative. Our neighborhoods face unique issues and we ought to be making common cause with one another to address these issues. This commonality should be reflected in the district map.

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