

Redistricting Committee,

I think it's great a second Latino district was created in the newer version of the congressional map. Using redistricting as an opportunity to give voice and representation to this growing population is important.

I've seen maps that both create a new predominantly-Latino district (in fact, even more so than the newly drafted version of IL03, for example, [here](#) and [here](#)) and do not draw Reps. Casten and Newman into the same district. I sincerely hope the committee will consider a map like this. Casten's and Newman's districts have been carved into oblivion and with the current draft map, we're already losing our elected state central committeepersons and the majority of the voters (75% of the current 6th) who worked diligently to elect both of these representatives into office. We need to keep these progressive members of congress who represent their districts and constituents—because they KNOW their districts and constituents so well—in their seats. We need a unified party going into the general, not a potentially costly primary that could dissuade voters. And we especially can't afford to lose the biggest climate brain on the Hill.

I hope a map that both reflects our growing Latino population and allows these great incumbents to run in districts that more closely resemble their current ones can be passed.

Thank you,
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