To The Redistricting Committee:

I am a resident of the 9th District and I am writing to you today to give my insight into my community of North Lawndale Community known as the Triangle in order to help inform the redistricting process. In particular, In order to keep my community of North Lawndale Community- The Triangle in the 9th district which is represented by Representative Lakesia Collins.

I am aware of the basic function & needs of redistricting, which is to give citizens input into who their representative is, based on efforts to reflect the population of Illinois. In addition, I am aware that the process is intended to create diverse vibrant maps that allow for diverse representation of communities of interest. The 9th District of Illinois is one of the most diverse in the state and should remain so, I believe that my community of North Lawndale Community is best served in the 9th district and by Representative Lakesia Collins.

I have been a resident of the North Lawndale Community for more than 40 years. This community has always been served and represented by the 9<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois. I live in North Lawndale and work in North Lawndale. My family has always been engaged in our community and worked alongside our representative. North Lawndale should not be broken into two separate districts. We have been one community with one representative of the 9<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois.

Thank you for accepting my written testimony and I hope that my community of North Lawndale known as the Triangle may continue to remain in the 9th district and represented by state Representative Lakesia Collins.

Regards,

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