

MIKE BUEHLER CHAIRMAN, McHENRY COUNTY BOARD

Dear Chairs Aguino and Hernandez,

My name is Mike Buehler and I serve as a County Board Chairman for McHenry County. I appreciate the opportunity to again provide input on the Senate House redistricting that will affect all residents of our county.

When my testimony was previously provided on April 7, 2021, I requested altered statutory deadlines for approval of reapportionment maps to align with the delivery of U.S. Census data. That has not occurred, but we still have an opportunity to address another concern in my earlier testimony. In McHenry County, some of our municipalities have multiple senators, representatives, and congressmen all within the same municipality. I feel this creates confusion on the part of the voter and does not support continuity within the community. Boundaries of districts should have clear and transparent delineation to avoid these types of situations.

I noted that the City of Crystal Lake, a community of just over 40,000, is currently represented by three different Senators and the new map should attempt to address this situation. Now, with the new maps, this problem was not addressed, it was made worse. Both the communities of Crystal Lake and Lake in the Hills are now part of four Senate districts and four Representative districts. Very minor adjustments to the proposed maps can alleviate this situation, and I urge steps to be taken to assist the residents of McHenry County.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Michael Buehler

Chairman

McHenry County Board