

# **WARREN COUNTY BOARD**

**100 West Broadway - Monmouth, Illinois 61462-1797**

May 27, 2021

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I make this request because these townships share a community of interest with Monmouth and within its County on regional and statewide issues. Warren County also had strong working relationships with its surrounding counties of Henderson, Mercer, and McDonough of which large portions of those counties are left in the 94<sup>th</sup> District. The 94<sup>th</sup> District becomes too widely spread out and excludes an integral portion of Warren County. Under the best of scenarios, the result will be significantly reduced access to our legislators. Moving Monmouth to a more urban area would only succeed in adding our community into a district with misaligned issues and concerns that do not relate to our community's needs and will not be in our best interest.

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Sincerely,



Michael L. Pearson

Chairman, Warren County Board

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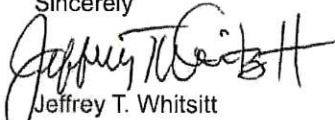
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On behalf of the citizens of our district, and for simplicity, I would ask that Warren County in particular be considered part of 1 House and 1 Senate district. I cannot imagine I'm alone in my preference for a simpler map, a common purveyor of the idea that communities our size should be considered as a whole and not represented by up to 5 different individuals within our modest population.

I make this request because the residents of our district share a community of interest with Monmouth and within this County on regional and statewide issues. 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

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Sincerely



Jeffrey T. Whitsitt  
Superintendent  
United CUSD 304

CC:

Senator Jil Tracy Representative, Randy Frese, Representative Norrine Hammond



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Over the past weekend the House and Senate Redistricting Committees released their first proposal to redraw the legislative districts. As the Superintendent of the Monmouth-Roseville School District in Monmouth and Roseville, Illinois, I am writing to express my concern that the map as introduced essentially splits my school district in half and redirects it to another district that encompasses small portions of five other counties.

On behalf of the citizens in my school district, I would ask that the portion of my school district that has been drawn into the 71st House District be restored to the 94th House District to keep Warren County whole.

I make this request because the school districts in the 94<sup>th</sup> District have similar educational interests and share community interests with Monmouth and Warren County on regional and statewide issues. Warren County also had strong working relationships with its surrounding counties of Henderson, Mercer, and McDonough of which large portions of those counties are left in the 94th District. The 94th District becomes too widely spread out and excludes an integral portion of Warren County. Under the best of scenarios, the result will be significantly reduced access to our legislators. Moving Monmouth to a more urban area would only succeed in adding our community into a district with misaligned issues and concerns that do not relate to our community's needs and will not be in our best interest.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward D. Fletcher".

Edward D. Fletcher  
Superintendent



*Office of Warren County Coroner  
Warren County, Illinois*

Aloysius J. "Al" McGuire, Coroner  
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Over the past weekend the House and Senate Redistricting Committees released their first proposal to redraw the legislative districts. As Warren Coroner and the owner of 2 business in Warren County, Illinois, I am writing to express my concern that the map as introduced carves out 60% of Warren County's townships and redirects them to another district that encompasses small portions of five other counties.

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Al McGuire

Warren County Coroner

McGuire & Funeral Home and Crematory, Owner  
Warren County Memorial Park LLC, Owner



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Best Regards,

Trevor J. Davies, Owner/Director- McGuire & Davies Funeral Home  
Region 2 Director- Illinois Funeral Directors Association  
Deputy Coroner- Warren County, Illinois



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Sincerely,

Lisa DeKezel, MJ, BSN, RN  
President | OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center





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Gina Long, Manager  
Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau®



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Jake Armstrong, President  
Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau®



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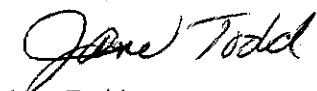
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Monmouth Township Clerk

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Dorothy Ricketts  
Monmouth Township Trustee

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Danita Ortery  
Monmouth Township Administrative Assistant

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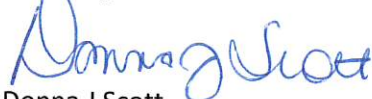
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Donna J Scott

Monmouth Township Supervisor