

Formal Opposition to the current redrawing of IL Congressional District IL03

'Jim Longino' via Redistricting Committee

to redistrictingcommittee

Dear Honored Committee Member,

I have now seen, as published on Friday, October 15th 2021, the map of the proposed re-districting boundaries of Congressional District IL03 and I would like this to be my formal statement of my opposition to the changes proposed. As a nearly lifelong resident of Congressional IL 03, I wanted to take a moment to express my concern and to ensure that my voice and the voices of my family and neighbors can still be heard in this district.

I am very concerned that the redrawing of these maps for IL03 will silence our ability to be a part of what has historically been a diverse and multi-ethnic community and for us to have a say in how this region has always impacted our community's economic viability in terms of jobs, infrastructure and quality of life for all the residents here.

This not a partisan issue. This is about local areas being able to have a district that most closely can address their unique concerns. This redraw, as it stands now, benefits none of our area's historical ties and local needs here as an inner ring suburb and pushes our boundaries 80 miles into rural communities who will also be having their voices diluted. By dividing up our area and extending way beyond its general shape it is completely retrogressive and will break up our diverse communities.

This serves nobody's interest in either community. It unnecessarily places a huge distance both geographically and local issue matters related where rural communities will have to compete with us area residents in our local inner ring in order to voice and have our needs met. It answers no one's local area's unique needs and circumstances. It will also needlessly dilutes and disenfranchise a comprehensive cooperation between our neighborhoods here in Chicago and Cook and then has us competing with the needs of the distant farming communities in La Salle County, thus serving no one.

I am, therefore, insisting respectfully that you maintain the general shape and character of this district as it stands currently so that we have a good representation of all the families and residents in this near Chicago/ Cook IL 03 area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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