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The U.S. Constitution protects the concept of “ONE PERSON - ONE VOTE” but the right of citizens to choose their elected officials in this way is on the line – a threat that is especially real for Black and Brown communities as elected officials are choosing their voters and Black and Brown citizens are left in a situation of taxation without representation.

I would like to emphasize the importance of complying with the Voting Rights Act in the redistricting process.

Specifically – Section 2 of the Act prohibits voting practices or procedures that discriminate on the basis of race in the redistricting process.

The current maps would serve to eliminate half of the majority Black districts in the state,

effectively stripping a substantial amount of voting power away from Black Illinoisans.

I urge compliance with the Voting Rights Act in all redistricting plans!

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comments.