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Good day: I write today to request that you keep the IL-3 map as close as possible to what it is now. As a Democrat who has campaigned not only for Marie Newman, but also for Sean Casten and Lauren Underwood, I believe changing IL-3 would provide less representation to the diverse communities in the district. I have personally seen the incredible energy of the volunteers in IL-3 and other suburban districts, and anything that is seen as undermining the democratic representation of our communities will be extremely demoralizing to the volunteers. And from a strictly political point of view, having a less-than-enthusiastic volunteer base will harm not only the chances of Newman, Casten and Underwood being re-elected but will also harm the chances of Gov. Pritzker in the next election and of the 2024 Democratic nominee for president.

This expert, Dave Wasserman, was critical of the first draft: "IL Dems appear to have gone out of their way to make their gerrymander \*less\* efficient. As proposed (left), [#IL03](#), [#IL14](#) and [#IL17](#) would be close to toss ups in 2022. With a few slightly different choices (example, right), 14/17 districts would've been Biden +10 or more."  
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Thanks!

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