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Dear Honorable Senators,

Founded in 1909 by a diverse group of concerned citizens, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) remains the world's oldest, boldest, largest and most respected civil rights' organization in the world.

Bloomington and Normal are two of the fastest growing and economically stable communities in Central Illinois. Many African American residents proudly call Bloomington-Normal "home!" Unfortunately, the community is split into two Senate and two different House districts, both of which encompass large rural areas.

For the low income and working-class West and Central Bloomington area, the current State Representative lives approximately 30 miles away. Many residents do not even know their state representative and, the majority of voters in those neighborhoods could not name this individual, or they would falsely name the person in an adjoining district. An urban neighborhood, already economically disenfranchised, does not need absentee representation from an elected official 30 miles of cornfield away.

West and Central Bloomington are traditionally working class and diverse neighborhoods. The area would benefit from a representative who is sincerely concerned about job training opportunities, diversity and inclusion, older neighborhood rehabilitation and infrastructure. Being joined to a predominately agricultural district does not serve this population.

Our request is that Bloomington and Normal be combined into a single House, Senate and Congressional District, instead of the current bifurcated system that creates confusion among voters and leads to representation that is not responsive to the community's needs. Please contact us if there are any questions.

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