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Subject: A message on redistricting — Oak Park and River Forest should be in the same district
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Hello!

I have a very quick request: in the new congressional districts, please consider putting the Chicago suburbs of Oak Park and River Forest into the same district. The two towns have a deep connection that I believe should be reflected in the congressional districts. I am a junior in high school, and I live in River Forest, but I go to school at Oak Park and River Forest High School. District 200 in Oak Park — in fact, all residents of Oak Park and River Forest vote for the same school board for D200. Yet, IL-4 currently cuts into part of River Forest, whereas the rest of Oak Park and River Forest is represented by IL-7, as shown in the image below:



Additionally, though the two towns have separate townships, the two townships often work together on issues like Senior Services, shown in the link below:

<https://oakparktownship.org/senior-services/>

Because of this deep relationship between the two towns, I believe it would be beneficial for them to be under the representation of the same congressional district.

Thanks for your time and consideration,
-Tim Mellman, 17, River Forest

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