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Illinois Senate Committee on Re-districting Sangamon/Macon Counties

To: Chair Omar Aquino and committee members

From: Shelly Heideman, Executive Director – Faith Coalition for the
Common Good, Springfield/Decatur, IL

The Faith Coalition for the Common Good is a nonprofit organization with 35 institutional members which are faith congregations and nonprofit organizations. We work for social justice: racial and economic equity, civic engagement, a fair economy and participatory decision making. We train members of our organization to be powerful leaders in their community and work for systemic change.

The Faith Coalition believes that the redistricting process should be transparent and public. Citizens in each district deserve a voice and participation in the redistricting process. We believe the minority population should be well represented in their district and the impact of their vote should not be diluted. We believe in the rights of ALL voters, including previously incarcerated individuals and those in county jails at election time.

It is imperative that the public be given the opportunity to review the maps and plans for redistricting in Sangamon and Macon County. The proposed plans could be distributed electronically to local nonprofit organizations, faith congregations and businesses so they can be shared with the impacted populations. Every opportunity should be made available for the average person to review the maps and make comments regarding the proposed redistricted maps. Those responses should be validated and included in the final decision-making process.

The Faith Coalition would gladly receive the preliminary proposed maps and distribute them to our members for feedback.

Sincerely,
Shelly Heideman

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