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Testimony:

My name is Timothy Howard and I reside in Dunlap, Illinois.

I am a recently retired attorney who actively practiced commercial and business litigation law for 42 years throughout Illinois, and especially in the 5 counties that comprise the current 10th Judicial Circuit. Currently, I only provide volunteer legal services to my family and local community groups.

In addition to my active litigation practice, I have volunteered for various organizations. For example, five years ago, I was the President of the Peoria County Bar Association of which I continue to be a member. I also continue to be an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association and serve as a member of its Senior Lawyers Section.

After reviewing the proposed changes to the Illinois Supreme Court map, I believe that this is an opportunity to make Peoria County its own Circuit comprised of elected Circuit Judges and appointed Associate Circuit Judges from Peoria County.

This change will enable all of these judges to be responsive to and accountable to the citizens of Peoria County whose cases they would decide. Consequently, there would be more of a direct relationship between the judges and the voters. Thanks.

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