



May 17, 2011

House Redistricting and Elections Committee
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Chairman Lund and Committee Members:

I am writing to request that the committee give consideration to two fundamental points in this year's redistricting process.

First, make your actions as transparent as possible. When you believe you have a sound redistricting plan, publish your proposed maps and allow the citizens of this state to comment on them and suggest improvements to your plan.

Secondly, make competitiveness a desirable criterion, when you can, in drawing district boundaries. Competitiveness allows changing voter sentiments to find expression in changing legislative representation. That serves democracy in a way that partisan "packing" of districts does not.

Thank you for your consideration. I am sure all Michigan's citizens hope your work will nurture democracy in our fair state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard L. Robinson
Executive Director

