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Good morning...and thanks for the opportunity to comment. I have two very straightforward comments – and I hope they are useful.

First, I've long supported the fair districting concepts and voted for the original referendum...only to be disappointed by its demise. I'm happy to see this effort finally gain the momentum and attention it deserves. Please remain diligent and see this through to the end.

Secondly, please make every effort to approach this on an 'objective' or 'scientific/demographic' endeavor...to the fullest extent possible, please keep the politics that have put a strangle hold on our state out of the process. Please create areas of that best represent community lines and demographics. The best representation is that which is local and common sensical from a cartography perspective. Gerry mandering has, in part, created a miasma of politics that has stifled – if not removed – leadership best suited to address our State's fundamental needs and issues.

While not a panacea, the redistricting commission efforts may actually make a meaningful difference in our State's current and future 'good governance'. I wish you well in these efforts and encourage the commission to take a fully non-partisan approach to seek the best solution for the citizens of our state.



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