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To the Re-districting Committee:

Having lived in a gerrymandered district that always votes overwhelmingly for one party, I am aware of the deep need for re-districting reform. Many voters give up on voting deciding that their vote will never count. I am an independent voter and know that districts have been created to make safe seats for both Democrats and Republicans. Because the primary then becomes more important than the general election, the party ideologues tend to dominate in both parties. We need a new model for creating districts without party influences. A computer-based redistricting that creates districts based on the principle of attempting to approach a square (or circle) as closely as possible for all districts will eliminate the current mess. Do not attempt to control what types of voters are in the new districts since this only leads to "safe" districts for career politicians.

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