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To House and Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

1. Do not gerrimander and do not continue to gerrimander according to Race.
2. Keep House District #5.
3. No need to keep House District #2.

I see an Urban versus Rural Movement and mentality around the state. Suppressing the Rural is suppressing the minorities. The minorities, farmers, and small business suffer from that. We have stood for Minorities for centuries and have seen that gerrimandering has done nothing to help the Black whom I see as economic and political failures and kept them more as 2nd class and oppressed. Hurting the Rural and encouraging rurals to all flock to the cities and urban and suburban areas is harmful as we need to reward our farmers, small businesses and those in rural areas who are the hands that feed us, them, and rest the nation.

We need to stop this racism and sexism and it seems the more we use these tools (creating a Black District) facilitates more racism. The Blacks of CD#2 have never improved in their lifestyles and are further oppressed politically and it suppresses individuals. Tools and efforts meant to balk racism actually promotes racism. There is not even enough Black people to get to the numbers to create another minority district. I believe more Black individuals would benefit from more of economic focus than race or sex focus.

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