

Testimony of
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Good evening. My name is David Stevenson, and I have been watching redistricting over the years in other states - particularly Texas and North Carolina.

I have always given my home state of Connecticut a lot more credit than those two aforementioned states. We have a superior educational system to those two states. We have a richer history than those two states. We also have what we call "Yankee Ingenuity". That's to say, we have a great intellect for solving problems before they become serious.

A simple solution which would avoid future complaints from anyone - anywhere on the political spectrum - where districting is concerned would be to base all future redistricting on a simple formula : find the center of any current district and then expand a box outward until that box encompasses enough voters to comprise a full district. If you don't like boxes, use a circle as a standard. Just please don't create districts which look like something out of a Rorschach inkblot test.

There are districts in some states that could pass for a snake grabbing a weasel grabbing a basketball. Very clever - but an obvious attempt to maximize the political sway of the party in power at the moment the district was drawn.

Connecticut voters deserve better.

Thank You.