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To the Reapportionment Committee:

I have been following the Redistricting process, but I hear few friends and neighbors discussing it, even though the redrawing of congressional districts will have big impacts on our elections over the next decade.

Why isn't there more publicity about your work? Reapportionment is a complex issue, to be sure, and the process has been compressed because Covid delayed the release of U.S. Census data, but I believe the relative scarcity of press coverage is also because in the past deliberations and the re-drawing of maps has taken place behind closed doors.

I stand with the citizens who believe voters should choose their elected representatives, not the other way around.

In this period of increased national attention on voting rights, I hope that your committee is on the side of more transparency. One important step is putting more info about the Redistricting process on your website... in plain language, please. In particular:

- What criteria are being considered?
- What conversations are taking place internally?
- Summarize current trends impacting redistricting.
- Let citizens see and react to maps under consideration, whether drawn by the committee or suggested by constituents.
- Allow citizens to send in comments via the website.

Thank you for your consideration.

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