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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

I am a veteran. United States Army 1964 to 1968 and a retired nurse.

I have used the VA clinic in brick for healthcare in the past, usually when private insurance was unavailable or unaffordable to retired people who were too young for Medicare.

It was clear then that the facilities needed upgrades—parking space was very limited and very difficult for veterans with disabilities.

Services were spotty and often required difficult travel up north for specialist services such as ear nose and throat and CAT scans. Mental health services were very limited.

Congressional district 3 has many senior veterans as well as younger people who served more recently and live in the area.

We are grateful for the great work done recently to bring us a bigger and better facility.

People have been talking for decades about the urgent need to improve the VA clinic and only recently has it been done!

With the Joint Base location in CD3 as well as the large number of veterans—seniors and others— who live here, it makes good sense to keep it all together.

I have lived in CD3 since 1998. This district as viewed on a map seems to have been gerrymandered in the past. But the district has developed into one characterized by competitive elections and represents an example of a district where the voters choose their representative! Not the other way around.

I would like to see the present boundaries maintained.

November 21, 2021

Hello my name is John Pawlowski from Waretown in NJ Congressional District 3.

I would like to thank the Commission for holding these hearings and making them available **LIVE** on the Internet and available for replay at later times. This is a very refreshing process that I wish all public hearings would follow suit in this manner.

I am proud to say I've viewed every minute of these meetings at least once and have found them interesting and educational. (Although I haven't been able to find a link to yesterday's meeting.)

As a brief follow up of last week's meeting at Rowan University. I was glad to see that the suggestion of listing upcoming dates of meetings was accepted and the web site updated. This is beneficial for those across the State who may wish to testify.

All public testimony should be given consideration during deliberations. However three testimonies from individuals to which I have no personal affiliation with or even know these individuals I found particular impressive were the testimonies of Philip Hensley on October 23, 2021, Eugene D Mazo on October 30, 2021 and Brigid Callahan Harrison on November 15, 2021. I would recommend these testimonies as well as all others be given careful consideration.

Those testifying have had minimal dialogue with the Commission and have been more or less simply expressing their views. Perhaps some dialogue or interaction with some of the Constituents could lead to some interesting conversations.

Looking forward into the future of these proceedings after the scheduled public testimonies have been completed it would be great if the following deliberations of the Commission be made available in this same manner over the Internet as well as open to the public in person if viable. Publication of proposed maps submitted by the public as well proposed by the Commission should be made available with additional public comment and hearings prior to any finalization would be recommended.

Now I would like to discuss CD3 the district to which I reside and the district these proceedings are being held in today. CD3 primarily encompasses the majority of Burlington and Ocean Counties. CD3 in my opinion is a great example of how a district should be represented. This district is very diverse including some economically challenged communities; affluent communities; urban, rural, and tourist areas representing many walks of life. It includes many veterans, seniors and small business establishments.

Whomever the Congressional representative is represents a great cross reference of society. This gives a great overview of society not only of NJ but the entire Country. This microcosm of society by CD3 of America allows for great insight for the office holder into the various lives and lifestyles not only of CD3 or NJ but of America as a whole.

In addition NJCD3 has recently had some of the closest Congressional races the last few terms not only in NJ but also in the entire Country. This requires any representative to be more cognizant and responsive to their constituents. This competition amongst candidates can only benefit the constituents of CD3. Any altering of CD3 in any way could be considered either in reality or perception to be gerrymandering.

It is with that in mind my recommendation would be to leave CD3 intact as it is a great representation of a diverse and competitive district allowing equality for the constituents of this district.

Thank You.

John Pawlowski

District #3

I am writing my concerns about redistricting of Congressional District 3. I have lived in this district for almost 20 years and for the last 4 I have been thrilled to have Congressman Andy Kim as my representative. My concern is that if redistricting takes place, he will be taken from my district and that would be a shame. Representative Kim has had an open door policy and he truly LISTENS when we ask him for a question or we ask for his help.

Please leave the district line 'as is'. Thank you very much.

Linda McCulloch,

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Redistricting of District 3

Hello,

I will not be able to attend the meeting in Toms River on Sunday; however, I would like to voice my opinion here.

I respectfully ask that the lines of District 3 remain as it is right now. I would not want to live in a district where Representative Andy Kim is NOT my voice in Congress. Congressman Kim has been a lifeline for me and many of my neighbors. He is a true civil servant, who has the well-being of his constituents as his priority. He is not trying to make a name for himself.

Please, seriously consider leaving District as it is right now for the good of my community.

Thank you

Joanie M Parks

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Redistricting

We are firmly opposed to redistricting the 3rd Congressional District. Any change in this district could endanger our representation by Congressman Andy Kim whom we voted for and fully support. We intend to continue our support for Mr. Kim and are opposed to having our voting rights gerrymandered away by redistricting.

Thomas Flood

Carol Flood

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