I am having technical issues regarding the testimony on redistricting today so I will comment by email. It is very important to me that this process is fair and transparent. There have been news reports in the last couple of years about plans to manipulate data and skew districts accordingly and it is very concerning to think some of my state leaders might want to do that. In general I am of the group that believes congressional districts should adhere closely to existing community boundaries. I am not happy to see districts that snake around from one side of a metro region to the other because it lumps neighborhoods together in artificial ways. I hope that you will rectify this. And last, I’m sure I don’t really need to remind you but I am very interested in seeing that the provisions of the voting rights act are not undermined, nor that specific areas of a particular demographic are purposely broken up to dilute their voice.

Thank you very much.