For years, my city has been divided up in illogical voting districts. I have been clumped in with voters from small, rural towns that have vastly different concerns than I do, and I have felt that my democratic right to have a voice in my representation had been stripped away from me.

I was hopeful that this committee would see that the gerrymandering of their predecessors was not only unethical, but unconstitutional. Our country’s founders wanted EVERYONE’S vote to count, and I have no doubt they would disapprove of our elected officials prioritizing their politics above that right.

However, the map that is being presented still has my city, along with other major cities, divided into absurdly small chunks and lumped in with communities that have innately conflicting priorities.

There is no way these voting districts can be seen as anything other than politics at their worst. They are unlawful.