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Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I believe the maps have been redistricted unfairly. We are put into districts whose candidates have little in common with our residents or communities' needs. There are never choices in candidates no matter how poorly the current representation interacts with constituents. More might get done to help rural communities if the representatives had to do more than just be the only candidate on the ballot. If there was a more fair mix of Republican and Democratic voters in a district, the candidates might actually do something for the public good. All our Republican representatives live and work in faraway cities for large salaries and benefits plus their state benefits. The average salary in my county is below poverty level. Their speeches don't relate to what we really need in jobs, healthcare access, affordable housing, good wages. Teacher and nurse shortages. County jail housing more mental cases than criminals. High drug addiction to sooth disparities. A primary voter turnout of only 4% of registered voters. A general election turnout only around 50% of registered voters. No choice, no voice.