

Testimony of Steve Schlauch- Plum, PA

**Keeping Plum Borough Together and Putting people before politics**

I am a concerned citizen and taxpayer of Plum Borough in the eastern suburbs of Allegheny County. I wanted to offer my perspective on what the new proposed redistricting maps would do to our neighborhood and community. For decades, Plum has been gerrymandered between PA House Districts 25 and 32 resulting in municipality and school district splits. As a result, our community doesn't get a full representation nor have its values of interest considered. In short, our new House District 25 doesn't put people before politics like it should, but rather the other way around.

I want to offer up a revised, proposed map that will be more contiguous, compact, offers more equal representation, and keeps municipalities and school districts together. These are all key points of the Constitution that should be followed when redistricting. The approximate total population 68,000 would be approximately the same population of the current proposed district map passed by a majority on the commission. It would also keep Verona and Oakmont on the same side of the river as Plum Borough. Plum and Monroeville are very similar suburban neighborhoods in terms of population and size. Therefore, keeping these whole municipalities together is important. Also, this proposed new map would be very competitive in terms of voter registration numbers making it a fair district to anyone.

New Proposed House District:

Oakmont – Riverview SD

Verona – Riverview SD

Plum – Plum School District

Monroeville – Gateway SD

Pitcairn – Gateway SD

Total population – 68,192 – Based on 2020 census data

Rep	Dem	Oth	Total
17,599	25,306	6,803	49,708
35.4%	50.9%	13.7%	

In conclusion, this new proposed map puts the people first and foremost before politics or any politician in Harrisburg.

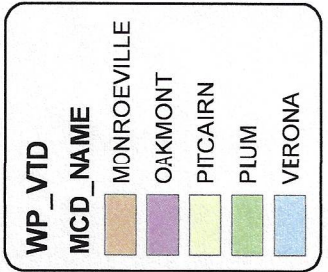
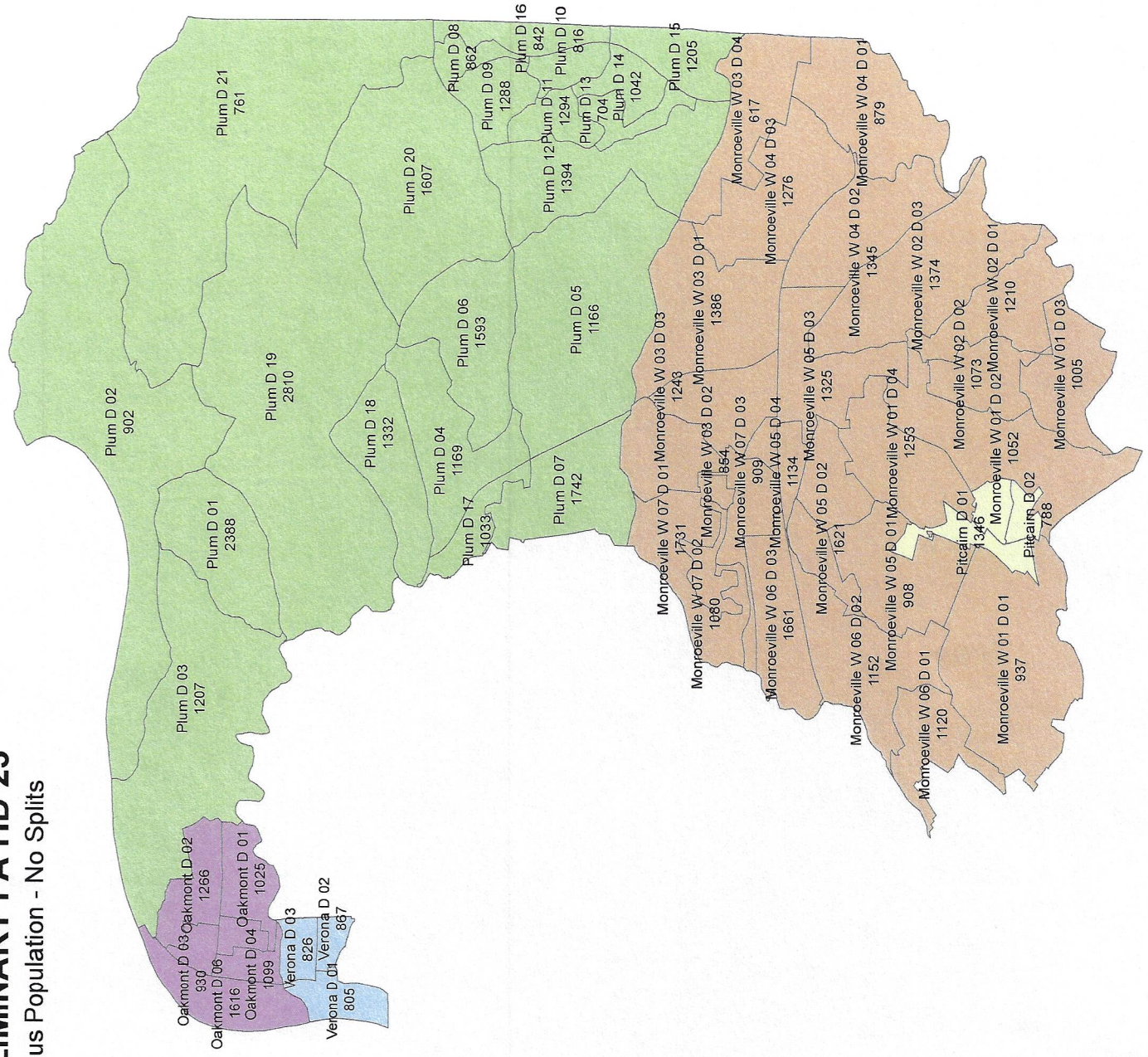
Thanks for your time and consideration.

-Steve Schlauch



# REVISED PRELIMINARY PA HD 25

Munis By 2020 Census Population - No Splits







# MOON TOWNSHIP

## ALLEGHENY, COUNTY - PENNSYLVANIA

December 27, 2021

2021 Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission  
P.O. Box 203079  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Objection to the Preliminary Apportionment Plan

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our concerns with the preliminary reapportionment plan for Moon Township. The proposed plan will move a portion of Moon Township out of the 44th State House District into the 45<sup>th</sup> State House District. As the Board of Supervisors representing the residents of Moon Township, we believe it is essential that our township is not divided but remain represented in the State House as one.

Further, it is a major concern that if the township is divided, the services and assistance we receive from our State Representative may be negatively impacted and since these are vital services, such as: Fire, Police, EMS, Municipal Government, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation. As you are aware, the Pennsylvania Constitution states that "Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district."

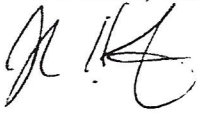
In addition, our district should be comprised of communities of interest in our area. Moon has a greater connection to communities in the Ohio Valley, the obvious connection with adjoining airport communities such as Findlay Township, and Crescent Township shares the same school district as Moon Township. It is important that the commission consider these related interests in forming our legislative district.

As a township, we appreciate the hard work and dedication you have devoted to this process and respectfully request your consideration of our interests in preparing the new plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the township.

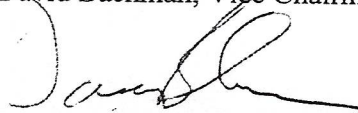
make it **moon**

Sincerely,  
TOWNSHIP OF MOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

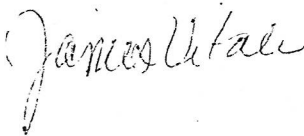
John Hertzner, Chairman



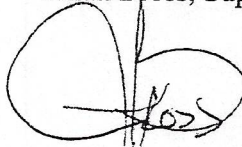
David Bachman, Vice Chairman



James Vitale, Supervisor



Allan Bross, Supervisor



Albert Quaye, Supervisor



cc: Rep. Valerie Gaydos  
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PA House Majority Policy Committee Hearing  
“Southwest PA Policy Hearing on State Legislative Redistricting”

January 4, 2022

Personal Testimony for Jan K Lewis

Franklin Park Borough, PA

To the Honorable Rob Mercuri, PA 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Representative and Distinguished Members of this Committee, Good Afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to address this Committee to voice my concerns over the proposed Redistricting.

- I would like to begin by reading Article I, Sections 2 & 5, and Article II, Section 16 of the PA Constitution (not attached) to remind the citizens of this Commonwealth, whom are present at this forum, the Foundational Laws as set forth in that very Document.

- As a retired United States Air Force Officer, I took an Oath to “support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” While I no longer wear the uniform, it doesn’t mean that my obligation to that Oath ended when I retired.

- In reference to the proposed new PA State Legislative Redistricting of 2021, I object to this very partisan gerrymandering that indisputably violates the PA Constitution and does nothing for the citizens of Pennsylvania except divide and confuse them more than ever before. We, the citizens of this Commonwealth, deserve and demand fair and consistent representation that is on solid ground and not one of shifting sands.



- As of today, the PA 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District that I am currently a resident of, has basically existed unchanged for nearly 20 years. It has consisted of only two major school districts here in northern Allegheny County, North Allegheny School District and Pine-Richland School District. It is of my opinion, that the 28<sup>th</sup> is the perfect example of community integrity. Five neighboring municipalities, with two of the largest school districts in western PA, under one State Representative.
- With the new proposal of 2021, the 28<sup>th</sup> District will basically splinter the North Allegheny School District by sending half of McCandless Twp to the PA 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District and add two additional school districts into the 28<sup>th</sup> District, Quaker Valley School District and part of Avonworth School District, which are currently in the Legislative Districts of 16 and 44 respectively. Why would this be of any benefit to the constituents of any of these four districts? There is no common sense explanation for any of this.
- Splitting, separating and destroying community integrity is only beneficial for those that seek more power, and it is quite obvious with the untimely release of this redistricting plan and the partisan gerrymandering, who this actually benefits? And the finger points directly at the democrats! This was a sinister plan, put solely in place to be the arm of confusion and to prevent more, suburban republican voters from voting in the 2022 Primary, as they will not have nearly enough time to figure out what district they are in or who they are voting for.
- In closing, it is to my amazement and disbelief that we have a republican majority in both the House and Senate, yet the democrats are the ones who control the Government. If we ignore history and disregard the lessons of the 2020 elections, and continue to allow the distortion and destruction of the very lawful document of our

Constitution, without the voices of the citizens being heard, then we are doomed for the fall of our democracy and sovereignty. The National spotlight is on Pennsylvania and we need to show this Country that our Commonwealth is governed by WE THE PEOPLE.

-Thank you for your time.

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE MAJORITY  
POLICY COMMITTEE,

HEARING ON LEGISLATURE REDISTRICTING

AS I AM THE FINAL PRESENTOR THIS AFTERNOON, I WILL  
BE BRIEF.

REGARDING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CURRENT  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, ENJOYED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF  
SHALER, NOT WITHSTANDING THE GOALS SET BY THE  
COMMUNITY CHARGE WITH A RESPONSIBILITY OF  
REDISTRICTING. ONE OF ITS LISTED GOALS WAS TO NOT  
DIVIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, HOWEVER, WITH THE  
CURRENT STATE OF THE MAP, THEY ARE IN FACT DIVIDING  
THE SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BY OPTING ETNA  
BOROUGH INTO A DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, INTO  
THE 33<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT.

UNDER THE CURRENT MAP, SHALER TOWNSHIP IS BEING  
SEPARATED FROM ITS SYNERGISTIC RELATIONSHIPS  
ALONG THE ROUTE 8 ECONOMIC CORRIDOR.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE  
COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP THE NORTH HILLS COUNCIL  
OF GOVERNMENTS AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY  
CONCERNED THAT WE ARE BEING REMOVED FROM OUR



RELATIONSHIPS WITH ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE FORGED AT THE RECOMMENDATION AT THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

THE TOWNSHIP IS INVOLVED WITH HAMPTON TOWNSHIP IN THE HAMPTON SHALER WATER AUTHORITY THAT HAS OVER 60,000 CUSTOMERS, SERVING 6 MUNICIPALITIES.

ADDITIONALLY, THE TOWNSHIP IS BEING SEPARATED FROM ITS RELATIONSHIP ALSO WITH HAMPTON AS THE TOWNSHIP HAS DEVELOPPED THE SHALER HAMPTON EMS, SERVING HAMPTON, SHALER AND ETNA.

BY FORCING SHALER INTO A SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, IT IS DIVIDING THE EFFORTS OF THOSE MUNICIPALITIES PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES TO ITS RESIDENTS.

FINALLY, SHALER IS BEING PLACED IN A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THAT WILL OBVIOUSLY, ULTIMATLY HAVE ITS OFFICES LOCATED IN THE LAWRENCEVILLE AREA.

TWENTY THREE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF SHALER TOWNSHIP IS SENIOR CITIZENS. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THOSE CITIZENS WILL WANT TO CROSS THE RIVER AND PARALLEL PARK IN AN URBANIZED DISTRICT WHEN THEY ARE USED TO A SUBURBAN

SERVICE. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AS THE SENIOR CITIZENS ARE THE HIGHEST USERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE. IM CONCERNED THAT BY HAVING SHALER TIED TO THE CITY, THIS WILL REDUCE THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AND MINIMIZE THE POLITICAL AND JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEVELOPED IN THE CURRENT 30<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT.