PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS

## What happened

1. Missouri politicians just passed a **gerrymandered map that shields elected officials from accountability** to their voters. Instead of focusing on what Missourians need, like safe roads, funded schools and good jobs, politicians want to lock in their power and silence voters.

2. This map was **opposed by a coalition of Republicans and Democrats**, but pushed through by lobbyists and political consultants who want to rig elections and deny Missourians fair representation in Congress.

3. Their plan would combine residents of metro Kansas City with farmers over 250 miles away on the Illinois/Iowa border - **making it harder for both communities to be fairly represented.**

## Why it's bad

1. **It's A Power Grab**: This proposal is about politicians choosing their voters, not voters choosing their representatives. It's an attempt to **rig the 2026 elections before a single vote is cast**.

2. **Hurts Communities**: Splitting regions into multiple districts dilutes their voice and weakens their representation. That's why groups across the political spectrum, from the Missouri Workers Center to the KC Chamber of Commerce, are all on record in opposition to this gerrymander.

3. **Deeply Unpopular**: A YouGov poll found that most Americans **believe gerrymandering is bad for democracy** — viewing it as unfair (76%), a major problem (76%), and something that should be illegal (69%). Most Americans prefer for the districts in their state not to give an advantage to either party (67%).

## Our Solution

1. In response to this blatant power grab, **People NOT Politicians has filed a referendum with the Missouri Secretary of State** to put this deeply flawed map before Missouri voters. We have 90 days to gather 116,000 signatures in order to qualify for the ballot.

2. With 2,200 petition gatherers already signed up, this bipartisan coalition of organizations and voters are confident that **people, not politicians, will decide this issue .**

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