

**EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF
REDISTRICTED #FAIRMAPS IN ALABAMA**

**Example #1
By Connie Arnwine, LWVAL Board**

TO:

Permanent Legislative Committee on Reapportionment

ATTN:

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[or in person or virtually at a public hearing]

As a member of the __ Congressional District, I am writing to ask the Reapportionment Committee to draw congressional boundary lines based on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, to assure the plan does not discriminate on the basis of race by diluting the minority vote. Further, congressional boundary lines should encompass whole counties, rather than segmenting counties into separate districts as with Alabama's current congressional districts. Following traditional county lines is a fairer method for establishing districts as counties, municipalities and communities are kept intact and shared interests of the residents are preserved. I believe the attached Whole County Congressional Map meets the generally accepted criteria for complying with federal constitutional requirements to ensure a fair and equitable plan for our state and urge your consideration and approval of this map.