

Testimony of GL (Gabriel) Johnson (Allegheny Regional Hearing)

Hi, my name is GL Johnson. Pittsburgh resident. Obviously these maps are very complicated, but one thing I do feel strongly about in regards to them is that the East End and Northside of Pittsburgh should be joined with the eastern suburbs (from Wilkinsburg/Penn Hills south) and Mon Valley. These areas have the vast majority of Black voters in the area, and as one of them I do feel it is important to have us unified in a Congressional district at the federal level. They also share vital mass transportation links - the Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. East Busway has been a lifeline for many people recently priced out of neighborhoods like East Liberty and my own 6th Ward (Polish Hill/Lawrenceville) to move to areas like Edgewood, Swissvale, and others served by the busway and its flier routes and yet maintain social and employment links to the inner city. They shouldn't be cut off into another district.