

Testimony of Hill Jordan (Allegheny Regional Hearing)

My name is Hill Jordan & I am a lifelong resident of the City of Pittsburgh. As a professional musician, I meet a large volume of people from all backgrounds & walks of life & it has given me a much broader understanding of community matters than, I think, the average constituent.

Pittsburgh has a large but not very well supported(?), funded?, represented?) New Arts scene. It's going to be critical for the further development of Pittsburgh's New Arts scene that it be able to vote in a block & not be chiseled by Redistricting.

I believe based on the average size of districts across the state that the Pittsburgh area is large enough & should not be changed. Also, because there are many overlapping communities of shared interest that should remain intact there is no need to redistrict the city.

Additionally, the information I've gleaned from several studies leaves me particularly concerned about the recent data that shows a large exodus of African-Americans from Pittsburgh. In order to improve quality of life for African-Americans in this city it is imperative that our voting district boundaries not be chiseled via gerrymandering.

I'd like to thank this Committee in advance for its hard work, diligence & for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Hill Jordan