

## **Testimony of Xiaohong Doughty (Allegheny Regional Hearing)**

I'm Xiaohong Doughty, I'm from Pine township, PA, in the 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania. I've lived in the community for 10 years and have been an active member of the Pine Democratic Committee.

I would like to thank the House State Government Committee for the opportunity to provide my testimony.

Given the population loss in the central, northern, and western parts of the state based on the 2021 census data published on August 12, I would anticipate congressional and state house representation shift to increase representation where we see population growth, such as southeastern PA and around Pittsburgh.

17<sup>th</sup> congressional district should be kept whole for a number of reasons.

In the past 10 years, we have seen growth of Pittsburgh suburban population and an increase of minority populations in and around Pittsburgh. Any congressional and state seat shifting should not come from Allegheny County.

Pine township alone has seen a population increase of 19.7% from 2010. This is a tight-knit community with an award-winning school district and very engaged citizens.

We have North Park within our district boundary. It is not only the place for locals to relax and exercise, but also an iconic Pittsburgh park with a rich history of its own.