

### **Testimony of Fred Gaines (Southeast Regional Hearing)**

Southeastern Pennsylvania can be considered a microcosm of the Commonwealth. The population density varies from the Townships bordering the City of Philadelphia to rural communities in the outer edges of Chester, Berks, Lehigh and Northampton. Each has their own issues and concerns and many are very different. Ideally, a Congressional District should never cross Municipal Boundaries, and if whenever possible not Cross County Boundaries. The simplest and most logical redistricting program for the Southeast is to each of the four suburban Counties, each as District, Lehigh and Northampton as a Fifth and have Berks join with other more rural Northeastern Counties.