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June 1, 2011

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Dear Mr. Woodson

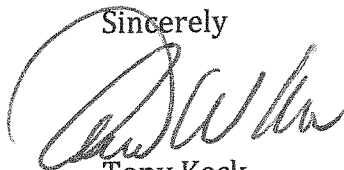
As the president of the Springdale Fraternal Order of Police, I feel it necessary to inform you that the overwhelming majority of FOP members want Springdale to be represented by one state senator, preferably one from Springdale. We feel that the needs of Springdale Police Department and the city as a whole would be better served that way as opposed to having the city split 3-4 different ways with the population split in ways that could keep Springdale from having any real voice in the state senate, as is the case in several of the maps on the Board of Apportionment website.

Northern Washington County has integrated into a single community. The towns of Springdale, Elm Springs, Johnson, and Tontitown often collaborate on a variety of civil matters. They are also all part of the Springdale school district. Having a state senator from this area, representing these communities as a single district gives the region a single unified voice. I feel that this would be the most effective form of representation for Northern Washington County, such as the map named May 4 version on the Board of Apportionment website. Most of the members of the FOP that I have spoken to, like this map better than any of the others.

Many of the people I have spoken to feel that it is time for Springdale to stop being neglected, with its fate in the senate determined by someone who lives a great distance away and does not understand the needs of this unique and special area of the county. Please do not let this happen to the city that I, and other members of the Springdale Police Department, work so hard to protect everyday.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns and; moreover, thank you for your continued service to the people of the state of Arkansas

Sincerely



Tony Keck
President, Springdale FOP

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May 21, 2011

Dear Mr. Woodson,

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In talks with the people of Elm Springs, the overwhelming opinion is that the citizens of Elm Springs would much rather have representation in Little Rock from a Washington County Senator. The Map that I believe is in the best interest of the people of my area is, by far, the May 4 map on the board of apportionment website. However, any map that keeps Elm Springs with a Washington County State Senator and State Representative is most likely acceptable.

The towns of Elm Springs, Tontitown, Johnson, and Springdale have become, in many ways, a single community. According to the Arkansas Board of Apportionment website the goal is to "maintain communities of interest where possible". I believe that this is one case where it is not only possible but prudent to keep this "community of interest" intact.

I appreciate your time in reading this letter and also the hard work you have done trying to fairly apportion the representation of our citizens. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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Dear Woodson,

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