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Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

I hope this finds you well. I am glad to know that you are working on redistricting. As you may remember, I was keenly interested in this subject ten years ago, and my interest has not waned. I am writing to share with you my current views:

I. The House of Delegates.

There should be 100 single-member delegate districts, each configured so that it includes 1/100 of the state's population. They can be easily drawn in a way that preserves communities of interest, etc.

II. The WV Senate

I have taken an initial shot at a Senate redistricting plan. It is on the attached spreadsheet. Admittedly this is rough, but it has the following attributes going for it.

1. The population of each district is within constitutional tolerances for variation.
2. The plan proposes continuing with senate 17 districts.
3. The plan divides only 5 counties out of West Virginia's 55 counties, to wit: Marshall, Monongalia, Berkeley, Cabell, Kanawha. (The current configuration divides 10 counties). In this plan, Marshall County has to be divided, because there is no other place from which to make up the population deficiency as you move from Hancock Co., southward through Brooke and Ohio Counties. The other four counties which are divided under this plan are West Virginia's largest four counties, and they are divided in such a way that three of them --- Cabell, Berkeley and Monongalia -- will each have a legitimate shot at having a second senator. None of these three counties has a second senator now, even though all of them are pretty close to the population required (109,000) for two senators.
4. Kanawha would be guaranteed three senators under this plan (2 from the 7th district and one from the 8th), and Kanawha would have a good chance at having a fourth senator (one from the 9th district).
5. Nine counties would be guaranteed one senator. They are:

Cabell (5th dist)
Wayne (5th dist.)
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Raleigh (10th dist.)

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6. As noted above, three largest counties after Kanawha, -- Berkeley, Cabell and Monongalia would all have a very good shot at having a second senator. They do not have that now.

7. There are five counties which, based upon population of the districts, are highly likely to have one senator always. These counties have at least 40% of the population of their respective districts, with no county or part of a county having a greater part of the district. They are:

Wood (3rd dist.)
Fayette (9th District)
Mercer (11th District)
Ohio (1st dist.)
Harrison (13th dist.)

8. You will note that the Jefferson-Berkeley County District is slightly underpopulated. This is intentional for two reasons. First, it acknowledges the demographic growth trend that has been in place for some time in Jefferson and Berkeley Counties. Secondly, it makes the adjoining district work out without dividing other counties.

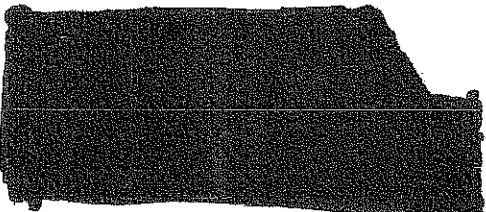
III. U.S. House of Representatives

Please do not succumb to any partisan calls to throw Congresswoman Capito and Congressman McKinley into some new congressional district. That sort of gamesmanship is not necessary for any legitimate purpose. Please stay above that.

John, take care, and if you are interested in talking about any of this, I would be delighted to discuss it with you.

Regards.
Charles

Charles S. Trump IV



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Gilmer County's population is, and always was, included in the proposed 9th senatorial district. My earlier draft, however, neglected to list Gilmer out as one of the counties included in that district....

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Here's another version. What's different here are these changes:

- 1) It puts Taylor in with Harrison, Barbour and Lewis (removing Doddridge)
- 2) It puts Doddridge back in with most of Marshall, a big chunk of Mon, plus Wetzel and Tyler

Advantages are:

- 1) Districts are a little more compact than my first version (and substantially more compact than the current configuration.)
- 2) It preserves more of the structure of the district currently represented by Kessler and Edgell, essentially exchanging Calhoun, Ritchie and the part of Marion in that district now for a larger part of Monongalia.

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