

West Virginia State Senate Redistricting Task Force

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Via hand delivery

May 20, 2011

**Honorable Senator John Unger
Senate Redistricting Task Force
West Virginia Legislature
Charleston, West Virginia**

RE: Redistricting of Senate and House of Delegate Boundaries in Monongalia County

Dear Senator Unger:

Monongalia County is split into four House of Delegates Districts and three Senatorial Districts. We have the most Senatorial Districts of any other county in the State of West Virginia.

The voters in the 5th, 42nd and 43rd Delegate Districts as well as the 2nd and 14th Senatorial Districts have expressed their desire to be moved into the 44th Delegate District and the 13th Senatorial District.

This is the most frequent complaint and request our office receives during an election year. Voters complain they do not know the candidates on their particular ballot style.

Monongalia County has to print eight different ballot styles to accommodate these Districts. The expense of printing the ballots and advertising the different ballot styles in the newspaper is extreme.

The financial cost to our County is secondary to the lack of voter participation because of the different districts. Many voters have expressed they have lost interest in going to vote because they do not recognize the names for House of Delegates and Senate.

Please take into consideration Monongalia County's desire to be represented by one Delegate District and one Senatorial District when you vote on the new Redistricting Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carye L. Blaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "C" and "B".

**Carye L. Blaney
County Clerk**