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To: State Senator John Unger, Chairman, Senate Redistricting Commitee

From: Thornton Cooper

Subject: Proposed redistricting plan for the West Virginia State Senate

Date: May 4, 2011

Set forth hereinbelow is my first scenario for redistricting the West Virginia State Senate pursuant to the 2010 Census figures.

Please note that the average population per senatorial district is 109,000. (That figure is based upon keeping 17 separate districts. The State Senate may, if it so chooses, modify the number of senatorial districts.)

I have already e-mailed a more detailed version of this plan to Senator Brooks McCabe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

West Virginia State Senate Redistricting Plan: Cooper Plan No. 1:

A. New Senate District 1:

New Senate District 1 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio Counties and in part of Marshall County. (Old Senate District 1 included the territory contained in all of Brooke and Hancock Counties and part of Ohio County. Old Senate District 2 included the territory contained in the remainder of Ohio County and in all of Marshall County, as well as territory in other counties.)

The estimated population of this district would be 109,603, as follows:

Brooke	24,069
Hancock	30,676
Ohio	44,443
Marshall (part)	10,415
New Senate District 1	109,603

B. New Senate District 2:

New Senate District 2 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Tyler and Wetzel Counties and in parts of Marion, Marshall, and Monongalia Counties. (Old Senate District 2 included the territory contained in all of Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties and parts of Marion and Monongalia Counties, as well as territory in other

counties. Old Senate District 13 included the territory contained in parts of Marion and Monongalia Counties.)

The estimated population of this district would be 109,602, as follows:

Tyler	9,208
Wetzel	16,583
Marion (part)	41,012
Marshall (part)	22,692
Monongalia (part)	20,107
New Senate District 2	109,602

C. New Senate District 3:

New Senate District 3 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties. (Old Senate District 2 included the territory contained in all of Ritchie County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 3 included the territory contained in all of Pleasants, Wirt, and Wood Counties, as well as territory contained in another county.)

The population of this district would be 110,727, as follows:

Pleasants	7,605
Ritchie	10,449
Wirt	5,717
Wood	86,956
New Senate District 3	110,727

D. New Senate District 4:

New Senate District 4 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Calhoun, Jackson, Mason, and Roane Counties and in part of Kanawha County. (Old Senate District 2 included the territory contained in all of Calhoun County, as well as territory contained in other counties. Old Senate District 3 included the territory contained in part of Roane County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 4 included the territory contained in all of Jackson and Mason Counties and in the remainder of Roane County, as well as territory contained in another county. Old Senate Districts 8 and 17 included the territory contained in all of Kanawha County.)

The estimated population of this district would be 109,308, as follows:

Calhoun	7,627
Jackson	29,211
Mason	27,324
Roane	14,926
Kanawha (part)	30,220
New Senate District 4	109,308

E. New Senate District 5:

New Senate District 5 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Putnam County and in part of Kanawha County. (Old Senate District 4 included the territory contained in all of Putnam County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate Districts 8 and 17 included the territory contained in all of Kanawha County.)

The population of this district would be 109,022, as follows:

Putnam	55,486
Kanawha <u>(part)</u>	53,536
New Senate District 5	109,022

F. New Senate District 6:

New Senate District 6 would be composed of the territory contained in part of Kanawha County. (Old Senate Districts 8 and 17 included the territory contained in all of Kanawha County.)

The estimated population of this district would be 109,307.

G. New Senate District 7:

New Senate District 7 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Boone and Lincoln Counties and in parts of Cabell and Raleigh Counties. (Old Senate District 5 included the territory contained in all of Cabell County and in part of another county. Old Senate District 7 included the territory contained in all of Boone and Lincoln Counties, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 9 included the territory contained in all of Raleigh County, as well as territory in another county.)

The estimated population of this district would be 108,758, as follows:

Boone	24,629
Lincoln	21,720
Cabell (part)	30,043
Raleigh (part)	32,366
New Senate District 7	108,758

H. New Senate District 8:

New Senate District 8 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Wayne County and in part of Cabell County. (Old Senate District 5 included the territory contained in all of Cabell County and in part of Wayne County. Old Senate District 6 included territory contained in part of Wayne County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 7 included the remaining territory contained in Wayne County, as well as territory in other counties.) The estimated population of this district would be 108,757, as follows:

Wayne	42,481
Cabell (part)	66,276
New Senate District 8	108,757

I. New Senate District 9:

New Senate District 7 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Logan, McDowell, Mingo, and Wyoming Counties. (Old Senate District 6 included the territory contained in all of McDowell and Mingo Counties, and in part of Wyoming County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 7 included the territory contained in all of Logan County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 9 included the territory contained in all of Wyoming County, as well as territory in another county.)

The population of this district would be 109,491, as follows:

Logan	36,743
McDowell	22,113
Mingo	26,839
Wyoming	<u>23,796</u>
New Senate District 9	109,491

J. New Senate District 10:

New Senate District 10 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Mercer County and in part of Raleigh County. (Old Senate District 6 included the territory contained in part of Mercer County, as well as territory in other counties. Old District 9 included territory in all of Raleigh County, as well as territory in another county. Old Senate District 10 included the territory contained in part of Mercer County, as well as territory in other county, as well as

The estimated population of this district would be 108,757, as follows:

Mercer	62,264
Raleigh (part)	46,493
New Senate District 10	108,757

K. New Senate District 11:

New Senate District 11 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties. (Old Senate District 10 included the territory contained in all of Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties and in part of Fayette County, as well as territory in another county. Old Senate District 11 included the territory contained in part of Fayette County, as well as territory in other counties.) The population of this district would be 108,948, as follows:

Fayette	46,039
Greenbrier	35,480
Monroe	13,502
Summers	13,927
New Senate District 11	108,948

L. New Senate District 12:

New Senate District 12 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, Lewis, Nicholas, Upshur, and Webster Counties. (Old Senate District 11 included the territory contained in all of Clay, Nicholas, and Webster Counties and in part of Upshur County, as well as territory contained in another county. Old Senate District 12 included the territory contained in all of Braxton, Gilmer, and Lewis Counties, as well as territory contained in another county. Old Senate District 15 included the territory contained in another county, as well as territory contained in other counties.)

The population of this district would be 108,615, as follows:

Braxton	14,523
Clay	9,386
Gilmer	8,693
Lewis	16,372
Nicholas	26,233
Upshur	24,254
Webster	9,154
New Senate District 12	108,615

M. New Senate District 13:

New Senate District 13 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Doddridge, Harrison, and Taylor Counties and in part of Marion County. (Old Senate District 2 included the territory contained in all of Doddridge County and part of Marion County, as well as territory contained in other counties. Old Senate District 12 included the territory contained in all of Harrison County, as well as territory in other counties. Old Senate District 13 included the remaining territory contained in Marion County as well as territory in part of another county. Old Senate District 14 included the territory contained in all of Taylor County, as well as territory in other counties.) The estimated population of this district would be 109,602, as follows:

Doddridge	8,202
Harrison	69,099
Taylor	16,895
Marion (part)	15,406
New Senate District 13	109,602

N. New Senate District 14:

New Senate District 14 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Preston County and in part of Monongalia County. (Old Senate Districts 2 and 13 included the territory contained in parts of Monongalia County, as well as territory contained in other counties. Old Senate District 14 included the territory contained in all of Preston County and the remaining territory contained in Marion County, as well as territory in other counties.)

The estimated population of this district would be 109,602, as follows:

Preston	33,520
Monongalia (part)	76,082
New Senate District 14	109,602

O. New Senate District 15:

New Senate District 12 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, and Tucker Counties. (Old Senate District 14 included the territory contained in all of Barbour, Mineral, and Tucker Counties and in part of Grant County, as well as territory contained in other counties. Old Senate District 15 included the territory contained in all of Pendleton, Pocahontas, and Randolph Counties and in the remaining part of Grant County, as well as territory contained in other counties.)

The population of this district would be 109,698, as follows:

Barbour	16,589
Grant	11,937
Mineral	28,212
Pendleton	7,695
Pocahontas	8,719
Randolph	29,405
Tucker	7,141
New Senate District 15	109,698

P. New Senate District 16:

New Senate District 16 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan Counties and in part of Berkeley County. (Old Senate District 15 included the territory contained in all of Hampshire, Hardy, and Morgan counties and in parts of Berkeley County, as well as territory contained in other counties. Old Senate District 16 included the territory contained in all of Jefferson County and the remaining territory contained in Berkeley County.)

The estimated population of this district would be 106,599, as follows:

Hampshire	23,964
Hardy	14,025
Morgan	17,541
Berkeley (part)	51,069
New Senate District 16	106,599

Q. New Senate District 17:

New Senate District 17 would be composed of the territory contained in all of Jefferson County and in part of Berkeley County. (Old Senate District 16 included the territory contained in all of Jefferson County and the relevant part of Berkeley County.)

The estimated population of this district would be 106,598, as follows:

Jefferson	53,498
Berkeley (part)	53,100
New Senate District 14	106,598

Table of Populations of Proposed Senatorial Districts.

Here is a table of the actual or estimated populations of the proposed state senatorial districts:

District

Population

New Senate District 1 New Senate District 2	109,603 (est.) 109,602 (est.)
New Senate District 3	110,727
New Senate District 4	109,308 (est.)
New Senate District 5	109,022
New Senate District 6	109,307 (est.)
New Senate District 7	108,758 (est.)
New Senate District 8	108,757 (est.)
New Senate District 9	109,491
New Senate District 10	108,757 (est.)
New Senate District 11	108,948
New Senate District 12	108,615
New Senate District 13	109,602 (est.)
New Senate District 14	109,602 (est.)
New Senate District 15	109,698
New Senate District 16	106,599 (est.)
New Senate District 17	106,598 (est.)
Total	1,852,994
Average Population	109,000

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