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On September 25, 2021, the Editorial Board of *The Parkersburg News and Sentinel* published "Redistricting: Morgantown, Martinsburg should be kept separate." It recommends:

"A better idea — one that would be fairer for all residents, in the long run — is a line that includes most of the Eastern Panhandle and then makes its twisty turny way across the state in a not-quite-so horizontal manner. Maps drawn to show this possibility include Wheeling, Morgantown, Parkersburg and Charleston in District 1; and Martinsburg, Beckley and Huntington in District 2."

But it does not include a map or data, So I went to compile it for myself.

Suddenly, its population deviation is only 544. So I decided to submit this plan as Gorrell No. 2 to your joint committee.

See the comparison chart.

Population Deviation	Congressional Plan	Population Variance	Kanawha County in	Cabel County in
544	Gorrell No. 2	0.0607%	1st	2nd
3,678	Gorrell	0.4100%	2nd	1st

I really appreciate any help you can provide.

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PROPOSED FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Gottell No.2)

County	Community of Interest	2020 Census Population	Cumulative	(896,858)
Kanawha	(Requested)	180,745	180,745	716,113
Monongalia	(Requested)	105,822	286,567	610,291
Wood	(Requested)	84,296	370,863	525,995
Marshall	(Requested)	30,591	401,454	495,404
Hancock	ORC	29,095	430,549	466,509
Brooke	ORC	22,559	453,108	443,750
Ohio	ORC	42,425	495,533	401,325
Wetzel	ORC	14,442	509,975	386,883
Tyler	ORC	8,313	518,288	378,570
Pleasants	ORC	7,653	525,941	370,917
Jackson	ORC	27,791	553,732	343,126
Mason	ORC	25,453	579,185	317,673
Marion	G&O	56,205	635,390	261,468
Harrison	G&O	65,921	701,311	195,547
Doddridge	G&O	7,808	709,119	187,739
Ritchie	G&O	8,444	717,563	179,295
Wirt	G&O	5,194	722,757	174,101
Roane	G&O	14,028	736,785	160,073
Putnam	G&O	57,440	794,225	102,633
Gilmer	G&O	7,408	801,633	95,225
Calhoun	G&O	6,229	807,862	88,996
Preston	Border	34,216	842,078	54,780
Taylor	Border	16,705	858,783	38,075
Lewis	Border	17,033	875,816	21,042
Braxton	Border	12,447	888,263	8,595
Clay	Border	8,051	896,314	-544

ORC = Counties on the Ohio River bank
 G&O = Gas & Oil-producing counties
 RCR = Remaining coal reserves for West Virginia counties
 NPF = Counties in National Park and Forest:

PROPOSED SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Gorrell No2)

County	Community of Interest	2020 Census Population	Cumulative	(896,858)
Berkeley	(Requested)	122,076	122,076	774,782
Cabell	(Requested)	94,350	216,426	680,432
Raleigh	(Requested)	74,591	291,017	605,841
Jefferson	NPF	57,701	348,718	548,140
Morgan	NPF	17,063	365,781	531,077
Hampshire	NPF	23,093	388,874	507,984
Mineral	NPF	26,938	415,812	481,046
Hardy	NPF	14,299	430,111	466,747
Grant	NPF	10,976	441,087	455,771
Tucker	NPF	6,762	447,849	449,009
Pendleton	NPF	6,143	453,992	442,866
Pocahontas	NPF	7,869	461,861	434,997
Greenbrier	NPF	32,977	494,838	402,020
Monroe	Other	12,376	507,214	389,644
Summers	Other	11,959	519,173	377,685
Mercer	Other	59,664	578,837	318,021
McDowell	RCR	19,111	597,948	298,910
Mingo	RCR	23,568	621,516	275,342
Wayne	RCR	38,982	660,498	236,360
Lincoln	RCR	20,463	680,961	215,897
Logan	RCR	32,567	713,528	183,330
Boone	RCR	21,809	735,337	161,521
Wyoming	RCR	21,382	756,719	140,139
Fayette	RCR	40,488	797,207	99,651
Nicholas	RCR	24,604	821,811	75,047
Webster	RCR	8,378	830,189	66,669
Randolph	RCR	27,932	858,121	38,737
Upshur	Border	23,816	881,937	14,921
Barbour	Border	15,465	897,402	+544

