

Please keep the Mahoning Valley/Greater Youngstown (Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties) together and do not divide them in any way.

These three counties are heavily linked economically and culturally, so it would be beneficial to my fellow residents if there was a district that contained the entire area.

This region is also a hub for electric vehicle production and additive manufacturing, so it is vital that the area has one Representative who can focus on advocating for these industries.

The people in the area won't have adequate representation if the three counties are split. The area has problems with unemployment, poverty and drug addiction. If the region is divided, then these problems will be overlooked or even ignored because the Valley's voice will be diluted by other regions.

If the area is kept together, then the region won't be ignored because it would contain more than half of the district's population. We would rightly be the center of attention if we had our own district.

Ideally, the district should also contain Ashtabula, Geauga and portions of Portage. Representative Dave Joyce would be the incumbent in the district, so a Valley-centered district won't require an incumbent to be drawn out.