

Thank you for allowing to speak to you. My name is Beverly Dorson. I vote in the 27th OH Senate District in Hudson, OH, 44236.

I would like to draw your attention to the issue of being separated from Akron, our county seat and joined with the Wooster area.

In my town, we pay taxes in Summit County, have our court system, the CVNP, Metro Parks, hospitals, use the Akron-Canton Airport and conduct our voting under the auspices of the BOE of Summit Co. Rt. 8 connects us to Akron area and we are more likely to get almost all our services and have most of our concerns with the entire Summit Co.

This effectively means it is difficult to have joint concerns when most of the area we are included in is Senator Roegner's Senate district (despite her residency in Hudson) seems out of our area. Our Hudson LWV help with voting in Summit Co. and work jointly with the LWVAA to publicize information on candidates and issues in Akron Beacon Journal (Gannet newspapers) for all of Summit Co.

Facts, include:

1. County government, taxes, safety services, hospitals, roads, bridges, water are all concerns of Hudson and these services are provided by Summit Co. nearly exclusively.
2. Major highways, Cuyahoga National Park are right West of Hudson.
3. Our city is about evenly split with Democrats and Republicans and having more equitable representation should be the goal of our Senate district

The consequence of not fixing this problem include citizens in Hudson not actively participating in our governmental affairs if they feel their voices are not important or heard. A good democracy should strive to have involved citizens and split our city away from our count government is counter productive for good voter turnout and involvement.

I ask you to create a district that makes sense, giving the government representative a contiguous, county centered district to make it easier for problems that the district (county) faces to be the focus of their legislation efforts to really impact the largest number of affected citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

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