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Chair Albi P. Mateo and Members of the CRC:

I am testifying on my own behalf, proposing that adjustments need to be made for the varying growth of the population from district to district.

Instead of forecasting future growth based on questionable models, it is always better to use empirical data as suggested by our esteemed commissioner Tito Montes.

On that count, I suggest that the commission consider making allowable adjustments base on historical data. For example, if district X grew 20% in the last ten years, then I suggest the commission start that district X off with a 10% less that the average district.

That way in 10 years it will be roughly 10% larger that the average district. Therefore, on the average over a 10 year period the average size will be the same, rather than only on the beginning of the census period while the rest of the 10 years it becomes grossly disapportionatal.

This adjustment in all fairness will help you achieving your mandate of formulating a one man one vote districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Philmund Lee