



November 16, 2021

Senate Committee on Redistricting
Room 68-West, Statehouse
300 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Committee,

The Bel Aire City Council recognizes the importance of reapportionment especially since we have seen our community grow by 22% since the last census. We also understand the difficult task you have during this process and the many challenges you are facing.

I am writing on behalf of the Bel Aire Governing Body as well as our citizens to express our concern of Bel Aire being split between two representatives. Though we appreciate and value Representatives Ohaebosim and Penn, our residents often find it difficult to determine in which district they reside as their neighbor across the street may have a different representative. Our constituents have shared they would prefer all of Bel Aire being in one house district and as a result, the Bel Aire city council voted on November 16, 2021 to officially request the entirety of Bel Aire be reapportioned into one district.

We sincerely appreciate your time and commitment as Representatives and serving on this committee. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact myself or one of our council members. My email is jbenage@belaireks.gov and my phone number is 316-684-0226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Benage".

Jim Benage
Mayor

CC. KC Ohaebosim
Patrick Penn

