

## Testimony of Ralph Kilzer before Redistricting Committee

October 11, 2011

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the Redistricting Committee. My name is Ralph Kilzer and I'm the state senator from District 47 in northwest Bismarck. I represent the views of the 3 legislators (Rep. Keiser, Rep. Klemin and myself) and our district chairman, Bob Christman. We urge your favorable consideration of Template B over Template A. Template B was presented to you by Rep. Klemin at your last meeting in Bismarck the middle of September. Two versions of Template A have been presented to you by Rep. Nathe - the last one at your meeting in Devils Lake.

Rep. Klemin is passing out a clarifying map of Template B to better delineate a new border of the new District 47 which was not absolutely accurate on the previous map. He'll point out the small correction in a minute.

We agree with the thoughts of the Burleigh County Commissioners that you have heard and we used them in our proposal.

Let's compare the Template B and the Template A.

Let's compare the boundaries on the Templates. Template B shows the Missouri River and major through roads. Template A has 57th Ave NW as the northern boundary. This is a little known road that does not go through to either the west or the east border of the district. It would be better to use Hwy 1804 or, at least, some other through street.

Template A looks gerrymandered. It shows the new district starting near Lincoln, then wrapping around the eastern and northern areas of Bismarck and going through a corridor between District 8 and District 47 and finally ending up at the Interstate bridge over the Missouri River. Template B derives its District 47 contribution to the new district from the neighboring precinct across Hwy 83 next to the main body of the new district.