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To the PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission: I want to express disappointment for the redistricting of the House District 33 currently represented by Carrie DelRosso. For me, this is not a partisan consideration. I am a life-long Democrat and Commissioner in Harrison Township but have been impressed by Rep. Carrie DelRosso's demonstrated understanding of the needs of communities in the 33rd House District.

The 33rd District has included communities primarily along the upper Allegheny River corridor. These communities have similar historical relationships; shared development challenges and opportunities; similar population demographics, especially with similar household income; and many have shared membership in the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments. There is logic for having communities on both sides of the Allegheny River that share commonalities rather than contiguous land boundaries. Grouping the new House District 33 to be contiguous along one side of the river connects communities that have negligible historic relationships and present more discordant economic and community development issues.

In the times of intense partisan rancor, it is important to rise above those differences to secure real improvement and resolution of deep local issues that impact the quality of people's lives.

Rep. DelRosso has made a serious and successful effort to bridge the partisan divide by bringing together the common issues and concerns of the communities in the current District 33. I urge you to respect the value of Rep. DelRosso's commitment to the residents of the current District 33 and the bi-partisan commitment of residents to retain the current continuity of the House 33rd District.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

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