Keeping Plum Borough Together and Putting people before politics

I am a concerned citizen and taxpayer of Plum Borough in the eastern suburbs of Allegheny County. I wanted to offer my perspective on what the new proposed redistricting maps would do to our neighborhood and community. For decades, Plum has been gerrymandered between PA House Districts 25 and 32 resulting in municipality and school district splits. As a result, our community doesn't get a full representation nor have its values of interest considered. In short, our new House District 25 doesn't put people before politics like it should, but rather the other way around.

I want to offer up a revised, proposed map that will be more contiguous, compact, offers more equal representation, and keeps municipalities and school districts together. These are all key points of the Constitution that should be followed when redistricting. The approximate total population 68,000 would be approximately the same population of the current proposed district map passed by a majority on the commission. It would also keep Verona and Oakmont on the same side of the river as Plum Borough. Plum and Monroeville are very similar suburban neighborhoods in terms of population and size. Therefore, keeping these whole municipalities together is important. Also, this proposed new map would be very competitive in terms of voter registration numbers making it a fair district to anyone.

New Proposed House District:

Oakmont - Riverview SD

Verona – Riverview SD

Plum – Plum School District

Monroeville – Gateway SD

Pitcairn – Gateway SD

Total population – 68,192 – Based on 2020 census data

Rep	Dem	Oth	Total
17,599	25,306	6,803	49,708
35.4%	50.9%	13.7%	

In conclusion, this new proposed map puts the people first and foremost before politics or any politician in Harrisburg.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

-Steve Schlauch