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Members of the Commission:

One aspect of politics in the United States today that our legislature and the Congress find it difficult to make compromises and, as a result, to resolve issues. One reason for this is that legislative and Congressional districts have been redrawn over the decades to provide safe seats for one party or the other. As a result, what competition there is in those districts is within each party rather than between parties, and candidates try to appeal to their party bases, the more extreme left or right elements. And the outcomes of elections are determined by the left or the right, not by center, where the moderates are. And as a result, more candidates and thus more election winners have tended to come more from the extreme left or right.

What we need are more competitive legislative and Congressional districts, in which the outcomes will be decided by moderate voters. This will induce parties to nominate candidates who will be attractive to the moderates. And those candidates will more often to try to appeal to the moderates to get elected.

As you do your important work, when choices present themselves, please make every attempt to make legislative and Congressional districts as evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats as possible.

Thank you.

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