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I'm writing to ask why congressional districts don't align with local jurisdictions.

Cutting through local (county and city) lines is a divide and conquer policy that makes it harder for citizens to organize to work with their government entities. It's impossible to take a consensus developed at a local level and work it through to a coherent communication to congressional members.

In my opinion, this lays the congressional process open to deep-pocket donors who do not represent a majority of local folks.

As you work on redistricting this round, I ask that you follow city and county lines to the maximum extent possible.

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