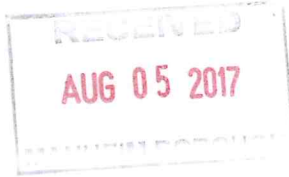


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Borough of Manheim
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Dear Borough of Manheim.

Thank you for forwarding Resolution 16-2017 to my attention. I agree that gerrymandering has gravely harmed our democracy, not just in Pennsylvania but across the nation. We need to return to the fundamental notion that voters should choose their representatives, rather than politicians effectively choosing them through the partisan redistricting process.

I support reforming our redistricting process by creating an independent body to handle legislative and Congressional redistricting, as has been effective elsewhere. We need a redistricting process that actually adheres to the principals of contiguity, compactness, and above all, fairness.

As you know, reforming Pennsylvania's redistricting process requires a constitutional amendment. That, in turn, requires approval by two consecutive sessions of the state legislature and then a ballot referendum. While the Office of Attorney General is not directly involved in that process, I pledge to continue to use my voice to advance this reform.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Josh Shapiro".

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