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BEFORE THE OHIO APPORTIONMENT BOARD

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In the Matter of the :  
Establishment of the Ohio :  
General Assembly District :  
Lines in the State of :  
Ohio. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Auditor Dave Yost, Leader Budish Designee  
Representative Kathleen Clyde, Governor Designee  
Michael Grodhaus, President Niehaus Designee Matt  
Schuler, Secretary of State Designee Halle Pelger,  
Secretary Heather Mann, Secretary Ray DiRossi, the  
Ohio Apportionment Board, at Ohio State University  
Lima, Life & Physical Sciences Building, Science  
100, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio, called at  
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1 Monday Morning Session,  
2 August 22, 2011.

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4 MR. DiROSSI: We'll go ahead and come to  
5 order and get started. I will now call to order  
6 our first hearing of eleven regional hearings of  
7 the Ohio Apportionment Board here at the Ohio State  
8 University Lima Campus.

9 And as people arrive, for people who are  
10 joining us, we would ask that you fill out a  
11 witness slip if you're wishing to testify, and we  
12 have those in a couple locations, but we have some  
13 here down on the table here. And if you could just  
14 fill one of those out if you'd like to testify and  
15 give them to our two staff members, both Lisa and  
16 Kylie over here in the back corner. I know a  
17 number of you have already filled out slips  
18 already.

19 Our 2011 Apportionment Board, which is  
20 responsible for drawing districts for both the Ohio  
21 Senate and the Ohio House of Representatives, held  
22 its initial meeting on August 4th, 2011 earlier  
23 this year and, at that meeting, the Board adopted  
24 rules which required a series of public hearings  
25 throughout the state to gather public input and

1 comment.

2 At that meeting, they appointed both  
3 Heather Mann and myself to serve as joint  
4 secretaries of the board, but seeing that today we  
5 have the Vice-Chairman of the Apportionment Board,  
6 State Auditor Dave Yost, here with us today, I'd  
7 ask if Auditor Yost would preside over this  
8 hearing.

9 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you, Ray.

10 Will the secretary please call the  
11 role? And during the role call, each member should  
12 state their name and the office they represent, if  
13 they are present as a designee.

14 MR. DiROSSI: Auditor Yost?

15 AUDITOR YOST: David Yost, Auditor of  
16 State.

17 MR. DiROSSI: Matt Schuler?

18 MR. SCHULER: Matt Schuler, serving for  
19 Senator Tom Niehaus.

20 MR. DiROSSI: Halle Pelger?

21 MS. PELGER: Here, representing  
22 Secretary of State Jon Husted.

23 MR. DiROSSI: Mike Grodhaus?

24 MR. GRODHAUS: Present, representing  
25 Governor Kasich.

1 MR. DiROSSI: Represent Clyde?

2 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Kathleen Clyde,  
3 representing Minority Leader Armond Budish.

4 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you.

5 We'd first like to thank the Ohio State  
6 University Lima Campus President Gordon Gee, the  
7 Board of Trustees, the Rhodes State College  
8 President Debra L. McCurdy, and Nadine Gunto and  
9 Jerry Haudenshield for hosting us here today, as  
10 well as Lisa Griffin, who coordinated the  
11 arrangements for these hearings.

12 I'd like to remind everybody that the  
13 purpose of this hearing is to gather information,  
14 comments, and input regarding the upcoming  
15 reconfiguration of House and Senate district  
16 lines.

17 The Apportionment Board and the panel  
18 before you is not responsible for re-drawing Ohio's  
19 congressional districts. New congressional  
20 districts will be established by the state  
21 legislature as a bill that will be voted upon by  
22 the members of the Ohio House of Representatives  
23 and the Ohio Senate, and the bill will then go to  
24 be signed or vetoed by the Governor.

25 But we would ask all witnesses to please

1 limit your comments and testimony to the matter  
2 before the Apportionment Board; that being, Ohio  
3 House and Ohio Senate districts.

4 We're here today to listen. We're not  
5 here to debate you. We're not here to debate one  
6 another. We're here to get input from Ohioans on  
7 the apportionment process and how it impacts your  
8 community and your representation in the Ohio  
9 General Assembly.

10 Today, we have a limited amount of time  
11 for the hearing. We're scheduled to have another  
12 hearing today up in Toledo. And we want to give  
13 everyone a full opportunity to offer their input.  
14 We're set to be here for two hours and may ask  
15 witnesses to limit their testimony in the interest  
16 of time and out of courtesy for other persons who  
17 wish to address the panel.

18 In Ohio, as in most states, legislative  
19 reapportionment occurs in the years ending in 1,  
20 which are also the years following the federal  
21 decennial census figures released by the U.S.  
22 Department of Commerce. Census figures this year  
23 indicate that Ohio's population is 11,536,504  
24 people. That means, ideally, each of the 99 House  
25 districts should contain 116,530 people and each of

1 the 33 Senate districts should contain 349,590  
2 people.

3           Anyone who has researched or tried to  
4 actually draw legislative districts knows that the  
5 process involves far more than somebody putting  
6 roughly the same number of people in each  
7 district.

8           In Ohio, the General Assembly districts  
9 must conform to traditional redistricting  
10 principles and other requirements that are embodied  
11 in Article 11 of the Ohio Constitution. Article 11  
12 contains specific rules governing the construction  
13 of these districts, including several layers of  
14 sometimes complex requirements.

15           In addition to the Ohio Constitution,  
16 the Board must also comply with all applicable  
17 federal laws; most notably, the Voting Rights Act.  
18 And all of these standards are not necessarily  
19 consistent with each other.

20           Because these hearings are being held  
21 today for the purpose of receiving your input on  
22 the process, we're not going to go over the details  
23 of the law here. However, copies of Article 11 and  
24 the Ohio Constitution, as well as other  
25 information, such as population changes, the

1 apportionment process, and how the public may  
2 submit plans are available for you at the table.  
3 We encourage you to pick these up and review them,  
4 as they are the same guidelines that the Board has  
5 to follow as it draws legislative districts.

6 Before we go on, and speaking of how  
7 difficult it can be, the Secretary of State's  
8 office has prepared a process that will allow folks  
9 in Ohio to participate and try their hand at the  
10 line drawing process. And I would like to now call  
11 upon the representative of the Secretary of State's  
12 office, Halle Pelger, to give us a brief overview  
13 of that.

14 MS. PELGER: Thanks, Auditor Yost.

15 Last month, the Secretary of State Jon  
16 Husted, with the support of the legislative task  
17 force on redistricting, as well as the  
18 Apportionment Board, launched a website called  
19 reshapeohio.org. The site has two main purposes.  
20 One is to learn more about the process that we're  
21 undertaking here, and the other is to allow people  
22 to try their own hand at drawing maps.

23 This was, obviously, referenced by  
24 Auditor Yost, and it's something that is not as  
25 easy as one may think. It becomes very addictive

1 once you try to add people into and subtract people  
2 out of certain districts.

3 In the past, the Apportionment Board had  
4 set up computers at designated spots around the  
5 state in libraries and government offices. With  
6 technology advancement, we can now let you do that  
7 from your own home. You can access [reshapeohio.org](http://reshapeohio.org)  
8 at any time and work on your map, save your map  
9 there.

10 Right now, we have over 300 users signed  
11 up, and we'll see how many submit them. You can,  
12 once you finish your map, submit that map to us and  
13 we will try to help you get what you need to submit  
14 it to the Apportionment Board. Information about  
15 that and those guidelines are provided on the table  
16 outside. You can also find them on the website.

17 The point of the website, and we're  
18 grateful for the support of the Board, is to  
19 provide openness and transparency to this process.  
20 We think it's important to hear from everyone who's  
21 willing to try their hand and who's here to talk to  
22 us today. So we hope you'll get to [reshapeohio.org](http://reshapeohio.org)  
23 and try it out.

24 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you, Halle.

25 A few other items before we begin.

1 These proceedings will be transcribed by a court  
2 reporter so that the Board, in its deliberations,  
3 may consider the things that are said here today.  
4 So please speak clearly and loud enough for the  
5 panel and the audience and the court reporter to  
6 hear. And I would emphasis that I wear a hearing  
7 aid device and would appreciate it if everybody  
8 would keep their voice up. I know the court  
9 reporter would, as well.

10 If you have written testimony, please  
11 submit it to our staff so that it may be included  
12 in the official record of the proceeding, and  
13 there's -- there is where you should take it to.

14 For the record, could you state your  
15 name?

16 MS. GRIFFIN: I'm Lisa Griffin.

17 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you, Lisa.

18 MS. CONNELLY: Kylie Connelly.

19 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you.

20 And let the record reflect, also, Mark  
21 Braden, counsel to the Board, is also present.

22 And we will make sure that all testimony  
23 received at the hearing is available through the  
24 Secretary of State's website at [reshapeohio.org](http://reshapeohio.org).

25 And with that, we're ready for our first

1 witness. The Board calls Keith A. Cheney.

2 MR. CHENEY: Mr. Chairman, Members of  
3 the Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to  
4 appear before you today. I am a lifelong resident  
5 of Allen County. And under full disclosure, I'm  
6 also the executive chairman of Allen County  
7 Republican Party. In the private sector of my  
8 life, I'm senior vice-president of Certified Oil  
9 Company, which is an Ohio-based company.

10 In my 17 years as county chairman, I've  
11 had the opportunity to work closely not only with  
12 the constituents with this county, but also with  
13 three state representatives that have represented  
14 this district. Bill Thompson, John Willamowski,  
15 and currently State Representative Matt Huffman.

16 The benefits I have witnessed and  
17 realized by singular county state representatives  
18 are numerous. I want to share a few of them with  
19 you here today.

20 Thus, the first being, the residents  
21 understand and know who their state representative  
22 is. When they have an issue they feel needs  
23 addressed, they know exactly who to contact; thus,  
24 eliminating, in their minds, any governmental time  
25 lapse to resolve their issue that is important to

1 them.

2           The advance of one county to work with  
3 one state representative allows a cohesive  
4 partnership between state and local government and,  
5 certainly, is expeditious in the resolution of  
6 issues and is also advantageous in accomplishing  
7 tasks to benefit not only the residents of this  
8 county but, ultimately, our state.

9           A singular county state representative  
10 is also very important and beneficial to our  
11 business community. The relationship they're able  
12 to develop benefits in the retention and growth of  
13 business within our county. It also allows our  
14 businessmen and our businesswomen the benefit of  
15 working with one person as they deal with  
16 government regulations that may have a direct  
17 affect on their business. In short, and simply,  
18 they know exactly who to talk to to get the things  
19 done in Columbus that ultimately makes them  
20 successful here in this county.

21           In conclusion, I would say that Allen  
22 County certainly does meet the population  
23 requirements, as mentioned by the chairman in his  
24 opening statement, as a singular representative  
25 district by Ohio legislative standards.

1           But most importantly, here in Allen  
2 County, a single state representative is easily  
3 accessible to meet the needs of our constituents,  
4 and readily and rapidly.

5           I come before you today in favor of  
6 retaining a singular state representative district  
7 for Allen County, exclusively to Allen County.

8           Thank you.

9           AUDITOR YOST: Any questions for this  
10 witness from the members of the board?

11           Seeing none, I thank you for your  
12 testimony, sir.

13           MR. CHENEY: Thank you.

14           AUDITOR YOST: Our next witness this  
15 morning is Jim Link.

16           MR. LINK: Thank you.

17           Members of the Board, my name is Jim  
18 Link. I'm a life-long resident also of Allen  
19 County. I'm currently the Allen County treasurer.  
20 Also, on a professional level, I teach the Becker  
21 CPA Review, which is a professional group for those  
22 who want to sit for the CPA exam. I've been doing  
23 that for 15 years.

24           My testimony for you is short and sweet,  
25 also.

1           I also agree with the singular  
2 representative for our district here in Allen  
3 County. When I talk to people from other counties,  
4 they often have to divide. "Well, I live on this  
5 side of the border or that side of the border,"  
6 almost as if your county is divided by Main  
7 Street.

8           Case in point, I speak to my sister and  
9 other family members in Columbus. Some of them  
10 don't even know when they move to and fro if their  
11 work is within one congressional district, their  
12 home is in another. They have to do some research  
13 sometimes to find out who their representative is.

14           Here in Allen County, that has never  
15 been the case. We have been able to avoid that  
16 confusion. We don't believe in dividing Main  
17 Street by east or west or north or south. We also  
18 think it's also helpful that if we speak with one  
19 clear voice.

20           And to some -- I have to say, there's a  
21 few representatives that Chairman Cheney mentioned  
22 that I'll also mention myself. In the 1950s and  
23 1970s, we had the late Walter White. Everybody in  
24 Allen County knew Walter White. Everybody knew how  
25 to get ahold of him.

1           We were followed up from '73 to '86 by  
2 Ben Rose. Everybody knows Ben Rose in Allen  
3 County. He's also still with the Ohio Ethics  
4 Commission.

5           We also had William Thompson from 1987  
6 to 1997. John Willamowski, who is now the Third  
7 District Court of Appeals Justice, from 198- --  
8 1997 to 2006. Everybody knows the Willamowski law  
9 practice and they also know the Willamowski family  
10 here in Allen County

11           Currently, we have Matt Huffman, who has  
12 been serving since 2007, as our present state  
13 representative. He worked with Lima City Council  
14 and is well known throughout the Community.

15           In summary, I also support the singular  
16 representative for Allen County and House District  
17 4.

18           Thank you.

19           AUDITOR YOST: Are there any questions  
20 for this witness?

21           Thank you, sir, for your testimony.

22           MR. LINK: Thank you gentlemen, ladies.

23           AUDITOR YOST: Our third witness of the  
24 morning is W. Dan Reiff.

25           MR. REIFF: Good morning.

1           AUDITOR YOST: Good morning, sir.

2           MR. REIFF: I've been an Allen County  
3 Commissioner for about ten years. I've been  
4 involved in politics for nearly 20 in some form or  
5 another; previously, as a township trustee. And I  
6 own my own business for more than 30 years in Allen  
7 County.

8           I think we should keep our district  
9 intact, as we believe this allows residents to  
10 better know and communicate with a single  
11 representative from the county.

12           I've been involved with some form of  
13 politics, like I say, as long as I can remember,  
14 and -- and single county, single rep, it gives  
15 clarity of issues, not only for the voters, but  
16 also for the elector.

17           Allen County's system works; has worked  
18 for decades. We feel it should continue. If it  
19 ain't broke, no need to fix it.

20           Thank you.

21           AUDITOR YOST: Thank you, sir. Any  
22 questions for this witness?

23           Thank you, sir, for your testimony.

24           Our next witness will be Sam Bassett.

25           MR. BASSETT: While it's indicated you

1 can't accept gifts, I wonder if you'd take one of  
2 these and pass them down, please. A few props, if  
3 you would.

4 AUDITOR YOST: I see that we have the  
5 Governor's chief legal counsel here. Can we get a  
6 ruling on whether this constitutes a de minimis?

7 MR. GRODHAUS: I think it's de minimis.  
8 We can accept it.

9 MR. BASSETT: Thank you very much.

10 I'm Sam Bassett. I happen to be an  
11 Allen County Commissioner, as Mr. Reiff was  
12 preceding me.

13 And I do thank you for the opportunity  
14 to offer a few brief remarks at this hearing of the  
15 Ohio Apportionment Board of the Ohio -- at the Ohio  
16 State University in Lima Campus.

17 I am, of course, Allen County  
18 Commissioner Sam Bassett. It's been my privilege  
19 to be a resident of Allen County for over 60 years  
20 - I'm much younger than that, of course - and have  
21 represented the citizens of Allen County as a  
22 township trustee for over 20 years and as a county  
23 commissioner for nearly ten years now.

24 I do pass out a flag representing Allen  
25 County, and that flag was developed some -- over 20

1 years ago in a contest of high school students in  
2 Allen County. And a young man at Bath Local  
3 Schools, Tony Mikesell, won a \$50 savings bond  
4 developing that flag.

5 He suggested that the background, red,  
6 white, and blue, represents our country and the  
7 foundation of the Constitution upon which our  
8 government rests. Secondly, the twelve stripes,  
9 red and blue, represent the twelve townships of  
10 Allen County; the eight stars, small stars, the  
11 eight villages; and the two large stars, the two  
12 cities in Allen County. And the center circle  
13 represents a solid core of the State of Ohio. And  
14 that's what we're here to talk about is, I believe,  
15 the representation.

16 In -- during all the years I've been --  
17 it's been my privilege to work closely with our  
18 elected officials, the representatives and  
19 senators. The challenge of effective  
20 representation has, I believe, been met here in  
21 Allen County and our region of the state. In terms  
22 of the House of Representatives, the single county  
23 representative has been effective and served our  
24 citizens well. I believe the citizens of our  
25 twelve townships, eight villages, and two cities of

1 our county have solid representation at the General  
2 Assembly.

3 In terms of the Senate, the current  
4 configuration brings together the common interests  
5 of our strong agricultural community, as well as  
6 our business and industrial economic interests.

7 In summary, I believe the current  
8 structure has served our county and our region  
9 quite well with solid representation at the state  
10 level.

11 I would be happy to respond to any  
12 questions you might have.

13 AUDITOR YOST: Any questions for the  
14 witness?

15 Sir, I have one. What is the current  
16 population of Allen County?

17 MR. BASSETT: It's just over -- just  
18 under 103,000.

19 AUDITOR YOST: Okay.

20 MR. BASSETT: And it has some slight  
21 decline in the last, I think, census. As -- as we  
22 hear from our regional planning efforts that we are  
23 on a slight decline in terms of population and,  
24 yet, Allen County represents the largest county in  
25 the general area and, I believe, represents the

1 largest county of the senatorial district.

2 I think we are the regional center for  
3 health care for the major area and do, indeed,  
4 represent a major economic center for the  
5 agricultural community, as well as the business and  
6 industrial community.

7 AUDITOR YOST: Looking at the area  
8 around Allen County, is there a particular -- of  
9 the surrounding counties, is there one that has  
10 greater affinity and more similarities to Allen  
11 County and its communities than the others?

12 MR. BASSETT: Well, I would suggest that  
13 Auglaize probably is the closest to us and -- of  
14 course, in terms of proximity and also has much  
15 similarity in terms of agricultural basis, as well  
16 as Mercer and Darke Counties. Those are, of  
17 course, part of the current senatorial district.  
18 Those all seem to have a common base of interest  
19 relative particularly to agricultural interests.

20 And, of course, we're striving now to  
21 stimulate the whole notion of regionalization,  
22 suggesting that we can start working together more  
23 effectively, reduce cost, and to deliver services  
24 more effectively if we, indeed, work together.

25 We think that the region is, indeed,

1 moving in that direction, and we would like to  
2 sustain the current structure such that those  
3 current efforts will be accentuated and built to a  
4 greater and brighter future for our community.

5 AUDITOR YOST: Thank you, Commissioner.

6 Any follow-up questions?

7 Thank you for your testimony.

8 MR. BASSETT: Thank you.

9 AUDITOR YOST: The next witness this  
10 morning is Bruce French. Good morning, Mr. French.

11 MR. FRENCH: Good morning,  
12 Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the opportunity to  
13 appear this morning.

14 My name is Bruce French. I live in  
15 Allen County. I teach at Ohio Northern University  
16 in Hardin County, which is immediately adjacent to  
17 the east.

18 I have submitted a -- not a prepared  
19 statement on my own behalf, but a prepared  
20 statement from a -- kind of a highly unusual  
21 source, Legislative Council of the State of  
22 Wyoming, with regard to its current efforts at  
23 reapportionment in -- in light of the decennial  
24 census.

25 I wanted to indicate my initial interest

1 in looking at this Wyoming matter was a case that's  
2 noted in the report at Footnote 10, Brown versus  
3 Thompson, which is a case in which the United  
4 States Supreme Court approved, to my knowledge, the  
5 greatest variation in the one person, one vote  
6 formula by recognizing the unique topography of the  
7 State of Wyoming and recognized local -- a local  
8 senatorial district of a 70 percent deviation off  
9 the one person, one vote.

10 And I mentioned that only in part. This  
11 is a much more extensive study which generally  
12 supports the -- the 10 to 15 percent deviation,  
13 which is much more prevalent, to encourage the  
14 Board to -- first, to build districts, both  
15 senatorial and assemblomatic districts, working  
16 from existing political institutions. So I would  
17 start my building from the political subdivisions  
18 and I would then build up the ladder in terms of  
19 making the numbers work.

20 I share the view of the other persons  
21 who have testified that having a representative  
22 for, principally, Allen County has worked well over  
23 the past years and would encourage the -- when the  
24 numbers are, in fact, factored into it, again, a  
25 single member district being provided for Allen

1 County.

2           There was a question to the prior  
3 witness in terms of whether adjacent counties --  
4 which adjacent counties have a closer affinity to  
5 Allen County, and I would agree with the prior  
6 witness, that I would -- essentially, my indication  
7 would be Auglaize County would be kind of my pick,  
8 if you need to put the votes together to make that  
9 work.

10           Otherwise, I think the report that I've  
11 provided to the committee is kind of a helpful  
12 background in terms of the process of another  
13 state, obviously smaller, similarly -- well,  
14 obviously, totally rural, but nonetheless, kind of  
15 an approach to what the constitutional principles  
16 are.

17           I will be happy to answer any questions  
18 you might have.

19           AUDITOR YOST: Any questions from the  
20 Board?

21           Representative Clyde.

22           REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Thank you,  
23 Mr. Auditor.

24           Thanking the witness for your  
25 testimony. I appreciate your expertise on the

1 process, and wonder if you could comment on if the  
2 public input is helpful on the process that we  
3 adopt, but I'm wondering on the substance of what  
4 we put out there. I think that the map, as is  
5 drawn, matters a lot to the general public, as  
6 we've seen.

7           And do you think that we could stand to  
8 have the maps as soon as possible and have an open  
9 process for the public viewing those maps? Do you  
10 think that there's a need for public input once we  
11 actually have maps to look at and have a more open  
12 process?

13           MR. FRENCH: Thank you.

14           I think that this initial hearing is a  
15 good first step. Clearly, the second step is  
16 coming back with the map, in terms of saying,  
17 "Here's what we've done. Here's our best shot in  
18 terms of how the numbers work and where we draw the  
19 lines," and then we have a further opportunity for  
20 input at that point, yes.

21           So I think -- the more transparency  
22 throughout the process, I think it's a benefit and  
23 would help and, ultimately, with voter support of  
24 the ultimate plan that would be adopted for the  
25 apportionment in the State of Ohio.

1 REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE: Thank you.

2 AUDITOR YOST: Any other questions from  
3 the Board?

4 Thank you for your testimony, sir.

5 MR. FRENCH: All right. Thank you.

6 AUDITOR YOST: I'd like the record to  
7 reflect that we have received written testimony  
8 from John Nixon. That's Nancy, Ignatius, x-ray,  
9 orange, Nancy. And this gentleman is the president  
10 of Lima City Council.

11 I'd like to ask counsel, may we receive  
12 this without reading it into the record just in  
13 written form?

14 Counsel is indicating that that's fine.  
15 So the record will reflect we have received that.

16 Our next witness is -- I'd like, for the  
17 record, to note the presence of Tricia Bell from  
18 WLIO TV and, also, Lou Wilin from The Courier, a  
19 staff writer. So welcome members of the Board and  
20 State to these proceedings. Do either of them wish  
21 to -- okay.

22 Are there any other witnesses that wish  
23 to come before the Board this morning?

24 I see that we should also probably note  
25 for the record that State Senator Keith Faber is

1 present and the chair has not noted previously,  
2 State Representative Matt Huffman is also present  
3 today. We welcome those members of the  
4 legislation.

5           Seeing that there are no other  
6 witnesses, we stand adjourned until our next  
7 regional hearing at the University of Toledo this  
8 afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The address up  
9 there is 2225 Nebraska Avenue.

10           Thank you all for being here today.

11           (Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned at  
12 10:32 a.m.)

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6 I do certify that the foregoing is a true  
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