

To: Re-Districting Committee

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Mr. Chairman, I would like to express my concerns regarding Congresswoman Sutton who is my 13<sup>th</sup> district representative.

During 2010, I had sent 72 e-mails to Congresswoman Sutton and Senator Brown on various issues pending before the Congress and Senate. I have a record of all those letters. The response rate was no more than 25 % from either Senator Brown or Congresswoman Sutton.

At one point I sent a Letter to the Editor of the Elyria Chronicle Telegram explaining that I had sent 7 inquiries to Congresswoman Sutton on an issue without a response from her. The Chronicle would not print the letter because they did not believe my accusations. When I provided them with copies of the E-mails, they printed the letter. Two days later I received a response from Congresswoman Sutton.

When I do not receive a response, I wait a minimum of 7 days between sending a second and subsequent requests on an issue.

I do not feel Congresswoman Sutton, responds to my requests in a timely manner. Obviously my political views differ from hers.

To date, in 2011, I have sent Congresswoman Sutton 35 e-mails. Congresswoman Sutton has responded 11 times to those requests, most of the time only after repeated requests.

Political affiliations should not be a factor in determining whether a constituent is worthy of a timely response. Somehow I get the feeling that if I had a 'D' behind my name, the response time to my e-mails would be significantly shorter. Why else would all of the politicians have an entry blank asking for political affiliation on their contact form? I enter "American"

I appreciate the time the committee is devoting to this important issue of re-districting and would submit to you that Congresswoman Suttons 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional district should be placed in a Republican district.

Regards,

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