

**Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in  
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“In all of the proposed maps made available to the public to this date, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation is cut into separate districts, which will fail to unify our voice as a people to the United States Congress and will split our efforts in the Arizona House and Senate.” –David Osterfeld, Asst. Tribal attorney for the White Mountain Apache Tribe speaking for Chairman Dallas Massey  
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“...the cultural impact of legislation on our people and our voice will be stifled by the concerns of non-Indian communities, creating a situation where our interests may be placed at a lower priority than other communities which do not suffer the same economic and social problems as we.”-Osterfeld, Pg 20 Ln 19-25

“If our Reservation is split into more than one legislative district, our legislators will not receive an accurate picture of the conditions on the Reservation.” Pg 21 ln 9-12 Osterfeld

“It is also my concern that the voice of rural and northeast Arizona not be diluted.”  
-Mr. Chuck Haynie, citizen of Navajo County Pg 26 Ln 19-22

“If you take the rural population in the state which is approaches almost 1.3 million and divide that into the number, the 641,000, that is required for congressional district, you then have two districts, two rural districts.” –David Brown, Chairman Apache County Board of Supervisors Pg 30 Ln 23-25 through Pg 31 Ln 1-2

“The way the district needs to be drawn is in a way that rural Arizona will get the kind of representation it needs, because it is so different than the needs of metropolitan areas, and I think that needs to be a primary consideration that you need to look at, because it is very difficult when you have two masters, one a metropolitan area and one a rural area and you have to represent them adequately.” -Frank Thorwald, President of GAFRA(Governmental Alliance For Rural Arizona) Pg 32 Ln 19-25 and Pg 33 Ln 1-2

“My biggest concern is that an endangered species be respected and that endangered species is the citizens of rural Arizona.” –Mr. Jake Flake Pg 33 Ln 11-13

“But I do think that we do need to be careful and try to keep the integrity of rural counties and rural areas of our state as strong as we can make them. I think most people in Maricopa County think that, too.” –Mr. Jack Brown, an incumbent senator Pg 38 Ln 2-6

“There are voices that this commission needs to listen to. I know they are out there, but I think, basically, they fall under rural counties, urban counties, and Native American Reservations.” – Lewis Tenney, Navajo County Supervisor Pg 40 Ln 3-6

“One of the things that I don’t want to see is regression with the Native Americans.”  
Tenney, Pg 41 Ln 1-2

“I think what I would strongly emphasize is that they not look at dividing cities, towns in that area and strongly keep the communities together.” –Gerry Whipple speaking of the Casa Grande area. Pg 42 Ln 24-25 and Pg 43 Ln 1.

“The White Mountain Apache Tribe and other tribes, we need to experience a time when we can look at tribal issues. We are not ignorant of the other issues that rural communities face.” – Richard Palmer Pg 44 Ln 6-9

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