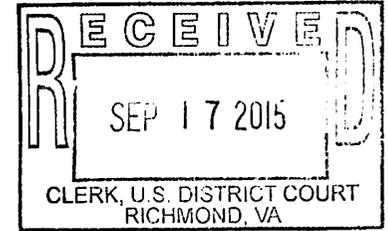




RICHMOND FIRST CLUB



September 17, 2015

TO: Federal District Court for eastern Virginia
FROM: Richmond First Club
RE: Case # 3:13cv678, Gloria Tersonhuballah v. James V. Alcorn

Honorable Judges,

Founded in 1919, the Richmond First Club is a nonpartisan, non-profit civic organization dedicated to informing the public and political leaders on a broad range of issues, policies and solutions. The spirit of enlightened activism that initially inspired its formation lives on in the club's study of, and involvement in, current issues in the Richmond metropolitan area.

In recent years, the club has placed an emphasis on redistricting--*fair* election districts on the state level to create *better*, more competitive legislative elections, in the interest of *good* government, instead of partisan gridlock.

The club commends for your consideration, and that of your appointed Special Master, the attached Congressional redistricting plan, based on the 2010 Census. This plan is not the work product of the club, but rather from a competition for college and law school students sponsored by the Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University and the League of Women Voters.

More than 20 plans were submitted by teams of students for Congressional redistricting. *All* of them were later judged to be superior to the current districts adopted through the usual partisan political process. This entry developed by a student team at The College of William and Mary's Law School was judged the best.

We believe that it fulfills to the fullest the requirements that Congressional districts have the same number of residents, but also the legal requirements for compactness, contiguousness, respect for communities of interest, and the Voting Rights Act.

We hope the court will find it to be an ideal, nonpartisan, "juried" solution.

Respectfully,

Cherry Peters
President
Richmond First Club