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Mr. Jim McClendon

HOUSE CHAIR OF REDISTRICTING:

Mr. Chris Pringle

1 September 1, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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5 MR. MCCLENDON: I want to ask everyone
6 coming in online to please turn your cameras off and
7 mute your microphones if you're coming in. When your
8 microphones are on back at home or work or wherever you
9 are, it creates an echo which is a little aggravating so
10 I'll ask you to turn your cameras off and mute your
11 mics.

12 I want to say welcome to everyone. We
13 are so glad to have you. My name is Jim McClendon. I'm
14 a senator from Senate District 11. I live in St. Clair
15 County. I am the Senate Chairman of Redistricting and
16 we are ever so pleased to have you here. Why is
17 everybody sitting in the back of the room? I can see
18 that much about it.

19 Do you have any legislators present
20 there? Are you a legislator waving your hand? Who is
21 that? Test the mic. Make sure we can hear you. Unmute
22 the mic.

23 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Hello.

24 MR. MCCLENDON: Okay. I've got it. Very
25 good. Okay. No legislators there. We have sitting

1 here at the desk with me on my right is Representative
2 Chris Pringle who is the House Chair of Redistricting.
3 And to my left is Mr. Dorman Walker who is our hearing
4 officer.

5 The purpose of this is to receive your
6 testimony, your comments, your suggestions on how these
7 four different maps will be drawn. That's the
8 congressional maps. There are seven seats. The state
9 board of education maps. There are eight seats. The
10 Alabama Senate has thirty-five members and the Alabama
11 House of Representatives has a hundred and five. And we
12 are interested in your opinion on what we should take in
13 consideration.

14 All of your testimony, everything you say
15 will be taken by a court reporter, put on the record and
16 submitted to the redistricting committee. The
17 redistricting committee is actually composed of
18 twenty-two members of the legislature, eleven from the
19 House and eleven from the Senate.

20 Now we have to make these changes by law
21 every ten years. That's why there is a census and it is
22 to find out where the people are compared with where
23 they were. We have -- for example, we know that an
24 ideal Senate size under these new numbers is a hundred
25 and -- let's see. The target size would be a hundred

1 and forty-three thousand five hundred and fifty-one.

2 Well, in some Senate districts, folks who have moved in,
3 and in some Senate districts, folks have moved out.

4 A target -- ideal size for a House
5 district in Alabama under the new numbers is forty-seven
6 thousand eight hundred and fifty. So with the census
7 data, we can look and see whether the population shift
8 has gone up or down and then we have to make (audio
9 distortion) accordingly.

10 We were just -- let's go ahead. In your
11 area, we are kind of highlighting for our information
12 three Senate districts. Senate 1, which actually the
13 population changed very little in Senate District 1.
14 Fifty-three people increase.

15 In Senate District 4, that district
16 dropped by two thousand nine hundred roughly. And in
17 Senate District 6, the population dropped by about five
18 thousand eight hundred.

19 By the way we've just been joined here in
20 Montgomery by state Senator Steve Livingston who is on
21 the redistricting committee.

22 Now on the House districts in your area
23 that we will be interested in, House District 1, the
24 population dropped by about two thousand four hundred.
25 Number 3, District 3 went up by nine hundred and

1 thirty-nine so it's essentially the same as it was
2 before.

3 House District 7 dropped by three
4 thousand six hundred which is going to take some
5 adjustment. Somebody is talking I don't know who but
6 I'm not through yet. So 7 dropped by three thousand six
7 hundred. Seventeen dropped by five thousand one
8 eighty-two. That was a significant change in population
9 and that district is going to have to increase (audio
10 distortion). And finally House District 18 dropped by
11 about two thousand people.

12 Now, for example, with the House
13 district, the ideal size is forty-seven thousand eight
14 hundred and fifty. Our rules allow plus or minus five
15 percent so we have some latitude. It does not have to
16 be exactly the same amount. That plus or minus five
17 also applies to Senate districts and to state board of
18 education districts and it does not apply to
19 congressional districts. We do not make those rules.
20 They are made at a federal level and a congressional
21 district has zero deviation.

22 So our job in drawing the maps is to get
23 each of the districts back within the range that is
24 proper to maintain the concept of one person, one vote.

25 So with that, let me introduce

1 Representative Chris Pringle and Chris will take it from
2 here.

3 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Senator. Again
4 my name is Chris Pringle. I'm the state representative
5 from House District 101 and I'm the house chairman of
6 the reapportionment committee.

7 Let me go over a few procedures with you.
8 First, you will be asked to speak in the order in which
9 you signed up. You will be limited to three minutes.
10 If we have time at the end and you have more to say,
11 we'll come back around to you.

12 When you come to the microphone, state
13 your name, the community you represent and the district
14 or districts you want to speak about. If you decide you
15 want to speak but did not sign up, we'll ask at the end
16 if anyone else wants to speak.

17 If you are participating remotely, send
18 your questions and we will read it into the record and
19 answer it. Again if you are participating remotely,
20 please turn off your camera and mute your microphone.
21 It will help with the back feed that we hear.

22 This hearing is being transcribed by a
23 court reporter working remotely. If you have something
24 that you would like to introduce into the record as an
25 exhibit, bring it to the microphone when you speak and

1 leave it with the hearing officer who they will get it
2 to us and it will be entered permanently into the
3 record. Remember the court reporter is doing this
4 remotely so please speak into the microphone when you
5 talk and state your name clearly.

6 This hearing deals solely with
7 redistricting. Please don't come and talk about other
8 issues outside of the redistricting process. Thank you.

9 HEARING OFFICER: Good morning. I'm
10 Dorman Walker. I'm the hearing officer. I'd like to
11 ask first if any members of the media are present and
12 would care to introduce themselves. We like to keep a
13 record of media coverage of the hearings. Is anybody
14 from the media present? Can I ask what medium you
15 represent, what station?

16 MR. DELINSKI: Bernie Delinski with the
17 TimesDaily.

18 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you very much.
19 Appreciate it.

20 MR. BUSEY: Dan Busey with TimesDaily.

21 HEARING OFFICER: What's that name again,
22 please? I'm sorry.

23 MR. BUSEY: Dan Busey, B-u-s-e-y

24 HEARING OFFICER: With what medium?

25 MR. BUSEY: TimesDaily.

1 HEARING OFFICER: Oh, TimesDaily. Okay.
2 Thank you, sir.

3 MR. BUSEY: Yes, sir.

4 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. The speaking
5 spots are limited to three minutes each. I'll give you
6 a thirty second warning if you need it and a five second
7 warning if you need it.

8 The scope of this hearing is narrow.
9 What -- how should new districts be drawn to better
10 reflect the communities of interest where you live or to
11 be better functioning districts? It's not about such
12 things as whether or not we should have an impartial
13 redistricting committee or proposed constitutional
14 amendments or anything like that.

15 It's just what can you tell the
16 committee -- what do you want to tell the committee
17 about drawing new districts for the coming ten years.
18 Anything outside of that narrow scope will be
19 disallowed.

20 And with that, I will open the floor and
21 the first person I have -- oh, okay. Thank you. The
22 first person I have signed up is Mr. Chris Cox or maybe
23 Ms. Chris Cox. I'm not sure. Chris Cox.

24 MR. COX: I'll answer to any -- I'm just
25 here to welcome everybody and we have a good group here

1 today, a large group. I think Zach was telling me the
2 last one he went to was fifteen so this is fantastic.

3 I'm Chris Cox, the interim president here
4 at Northwest Shoals Community College, and proud to be
5 here. Proud you're on our campus. Hence, community
6 college and we want to serve the community.

7 I'm telling you you've got -- everybody
8 here is just fantastic. We've got great people and just
9 remember we are here to serve. So if we can ever help,
10 let us know. Thank you. I will turn it back over to
11 you.

12 HEARING OFFICER: And, Mr. Cox or Dr.
13 Cox, thank you very much for hosting us. It's really
14 important and we appreciate it very much. Next on the
15 list is Mayor Linda Peebles.

16 MAYOR PEEBLES: Yes. I would like to
17 wait until later in the session, please.

18 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I'll come back
19 to you later.

20 MAYOR PEEBLES: Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER: Mayor Peoples, may I
22 ask what community you are mayor of?

23 MAYOR PEEBLES: Courtland, Alabama in
24 Lawrence County and it will be with Senator Garlan
25 Gudger's district.

1 HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

2 MAYOR PEEBLES: District 4.

3 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, ma'am.

4 MAYOR PEEBLES: Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER: Dana Charles.

6 MR. CHARLES: I'm going to pass right
7 now.

8 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Do you want me
9 to come back to you later, Mr. Charles?

10 MR. CHARLES: No, not necessarily.

11 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Danny Pettus.

12 MR. PETTUS: No.

13 HEARING OFFICER: No? Okay. Jamie Kiel.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: He's not in the room.

15 HEARING OFFICER: That's state
16 representative Jamie Kiel. I would like to recognize
17 members of the legislature. What about Tom Osborne?

18 MR. OSBORNE: I didn't sign up to speak.

19 HEARING OFFICER: Oh, he didn't sign up
20 to speak? You're on my list here.

21 MR. COX: I think the (unintelligible)
22 only ones that had signed up to speak.

23 HEARING OFFICER: I see. Somebody gave
24 me a different list. Now I understand. Thank you. Is
25 it Hall Jones? Somebody Jones. It's hard for me to

1 read. From Howell. Something Jones. Somebody Jones
2 from Howell. Did they want to speak?

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Sam Mashburn is the
4 next one.

5 HEARING OFFICER: We're going to start
6 drafting people to speak. Volunteers. The next one I
7 have is Deborah Bell Paseur. Oh, yes, sir. Go ahead.
8 Who are you?

9 MR. MASHBURN: Yes. My name is Sam
10 Mashburn with the Shoals Chamber of Commerce.

11 HEARING OFFICER: Spell your last name,
12 please.

13 MR. MASHBURN: Excuse me?

14 HEARING OFFICER: Spell your last name,
15 please.

16 MR. MASHBURN: M-a-s-h-b-u-r-n.

17 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you, sir.

18 MR. MASHBURN: Thank you. So the Shoals
19 Chamber of Commerce represents over eight hundred
20 businesses and organizations in Colbert and Lauderdale
21 Counties and so the Shoals is the collective region we
22 call those communities. Florence, Muscle Shoals,
23 Tuscumbia and Sheffield.

24 And for our community, there's a lot of
25 integration between a lot of the economics and the

1 culture of both Lauderdale and Colbert County. So in
2 prior congressional makeups over the years, we've had
3 Colbert and Lauderdale County aligned in the same
4 congressional district.

5 And in 2010, Colbert and Lauderdale
6 County were divided into two separate congressional
7 districts with Lauderdale County going with Huntsville,
8 of course, and Colbert County staying in the 4th
9 congressional district.

10 And for our community and specifically
11 our business community, we'd like to see Colbert and
12 Lauderdale County realigned into the same congressional
13 district. And for us, we believe that the most logical
14 choice is the 4th congressional district, the reason for
15 that being Colbert and Lauderdale County are aligned
16 with most of Northwest Alabama, kind of the economic
17 center of Northwest Alabama, whether it be with economic
18 development working with our partners at NACOLG. All of
19 those counties are Northwest Alabama District 4
20 counties. So the only 5th district county as part of
21 NACOG is Lauderdale County. And so we have a variety
22 of --

23 HEARING OFFICER: I'm sorry. For the
24 court reporter, would you spell out NACOLG?

25 MR. MASHBURN: Yes. N-A-C-O-L-G. That's

1 the north --

2 HEARING OFFICER: What is NACOLG?

3 MR. MASHBURN: It's the Northwest Alabama
4 Council of Local Government. It's our development
5 organization for the seven county area in the northwest
6 part of the state.

7 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. Go ahead.

8 MR. MASHBURN: Yes. So whether with our
9 development organization or our economic development
10 entity -- Shoals Economic Authority is the name of that
11 organization -- or other organizations as well, it makes
12 the most sense for Lauderdale County to be aligned with
13 Colbert County in the 4th congressional district.

14 For our community, historically that has
15 been the case that we've been aligned in the same
16 district and we believe that with the extreme growth in
17 Limestone and Madison County, there is room for
18 Lauderdale County to be taken out of the 5th district
19 and placed into the 4th.

20 So that is something we're advocating as
21 a chamber. We have spoken with Congressman Aderholt's
22 staff and they agree and they have given indication that
23 they support that. We've spoken with our local
24 delegation and they have given indication they support
25 that as well. And so we think that is something we want

1 to see occur.

2 Our congressman, Congressman Aderholt,
3 would like to see that occur and our local delegation
4 would like to see that occur and so we just wanted to
5 make sure that that was mentioned at today's meeting and
6 that was entered into the record. Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you very much.
8 Your presentation was really helpful, and in fact, it
9 was almost the same as the presentation made ten years
10 ago which helps to establish that there is a real
11 community of interest there. Thank you.

12 MR. MASHBURN: Yes, sir. Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER: Next up is it looks
14 like Deborah Bell Paseur.

15 MR. COX: I've got a list here where they
16 signed in. Do you mind if I just call them up?

17 HEARING OFFICER: Why don't you do that?

18 MR. COX: Okay. I've got Keith Jones.

19 HEARING OFFICER: Will you see that we
20 get a copy of that list, please, sir?

21 MR. COX: Yes, sir.

22 HEARING OFFICER: Yes, sir, Mr. Jones.

23 MR. JONES: Good morning. My name is
24 Keith Jones and I am the executive director of the
25 Northwest Alabama Council Local Governance. We're one

1 of the twelve regional commissions. We serve
2 Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion and Winston
3 County.

4 A couple of our communities I would like
5 you to humbly consider is the city of Haleyville. They
6 have asked if they could be placed in one house
7 district. They currently are separated. They are
8 looking at going into house District 17.

9 Also the town of Phil Campbell. They are
10 virtually isolated from Representative Kiel. He serves
11 the majority of Franklin County. They are in Mr.
12 Proncey Robertson's district. We hope you would look at
13 some continuance (sic) of those -- look at those
14 counties, please.

15 HEARING OFFICER: (Simultaneous
16 crosstalk) Mr. Robertson's district?

17 MR. JONES: No. They look to be in
18 Mr. Kiel's district, one representative of Franklin
19 County. They are divided in Franklin County there
20 whereas Haleyville, their town is split. The north is
21 in Proncey's district and the rest of the area is in
22 Mr. Tracy Estes' area. They would like to be looked at
23 to be totally in Mr. Estes' district which would be
24 House District 17.

25 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

1 MR. JONES: Thank you.

2 HEARING OFFICER: Yes, sir.

3 MR. COX: Next on our list, Mr. Dave
4 Smith.

5 MR. SMITH: Good morning. I am the chair
6 of the Lauderdale County Democratic Ticket Committee and
7 I have a couple of questions to ask. Will the
8 redistricting be by party or race? And also I would
9 like to know the ideal number for the senate districts.
10 I didn't write that down. And also for House District
11 3, I didn't get that number.

12 MR. MCCLENDON: I'll give you the ideal
13 size for a senate district is one hundred and
14 forty-three thousand five five one.

15 MR. SMITH: All right, sir.

16 MR. MCCLENDON: Now what was your senate
17 district?

18 MR. SMITH: Senate District 3.

19 MR. MCCLENDON: Senate District 3,
20 Senator Orr picked up -- he gained fourteen thousand and
21 ten in senate District 3.

22 MR. SMITH: How much? Say that again,
23 please, sir.

24 MR. MCCLENDON: Fourteen thousand and
25 ten. One four oh one oh.

1 MR. SMITH: Okay. All right. So an
2 ideal would be forty-seven fifty-two, correct?

3 MR. MCCLENDON: Senate 3. Are you asking
4 about Senate 3 or House?

5 MR. SMITH: Senate -- I was talking about
6 House 3.

7 MR. MCCLENDON: Let's go to House 3.
8 House 3 gained nine hundred and thirty-nine.

9 MR. SMITH: So what is the total, sir?

10 MR. MCCLENDON: Forty-eight thousand
11 seven hundred and eighty-nine.

12 MR. WALKER: (Inaudible).

13 MR. MCCLENDON: Not much.

14 MR. WALKER: Oh, I see. You were talking
15 about the overage. Okay. My apologies.

16 MR. MCCLENDON: Did that answer your
17 question?

18 MR. SMITH: Except for the by party or
19 race.

20 MR. WALKER: We don't have that
21 information.

22 MR. SMITH: Who will be able to get that
23 to me? Can I give you some information so you can email
24 it or either text it, whichever way you can do it?

25 MR. WALKER: Were you asking -- I'm

1 sorry. Ask your question again, please, sir.

2 MR. SMITH: Okay. The other question was
3 will the redistricting be done by party or race?

4 HEARING OFFICER: Districting will comply
5 with the federal and state constitutions and federal
6 laws, principally the Voting Rights Act which -- all of
7 which forbid redistricting on the basis of race except
8 where the state has a strong basis in evidence for
9 complying with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act to
10 draw a majority black district.

11 And in those circumstances where the
12 state does have a strong basis in evidence, it will draw
13 majority blank districts. Districts will be drawn
14 without looking at party affiliation or without looking
15 at race for the most part. Only in narrow circumstances
16 allowed by the Supreme Court will race be considered but
17 after districts have been drawn.

18 MR. SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. And I want
20 to say that I actually missed part of what I should have
21 said when I started out that there are guidelines that
22 are posted on the redistricting committee website that
23 tell you what the guidelines are for the committee to
24 draw districts. And generally these are that all
25 districts must be contiguous; that is, every district

1 must be connected to every other district. Districts,
2 compact districts are favored over less compact
3 districts.

4 We try to preserve the cores of existing
5 districts when we draw new districts. We try to protect
6 and preserve communities' interests. We also do not
7 allow contests between incumbents and try to minimize
8 the number of counties in each district.

9 Sometimes those various goals come into
10 conflict, and when they do, it's left up to the
11 legislative side which one to prioritize but overarching
12 all of this of course and not subject to being
13 prioritized because it's always overarching is
14 compliance with the federal constitution and with laws
15 such as the Voting Rights Act. Anyone else who would
16 like to speak?

17 MR. SMITH: Excuse me. I didn't get the
18 name of the person that's doing the talking in that
19 time.

20 HEARING OFFICER: Me are you saying?

21 MR. SMITH: Whoever is doing the talking,
22 what's your name and title?

23 HEARING OFFICER: My name is Dorman
24 Walker. I'm a lawyer hired by the committee and serving
25 as the hearing officer.

1 MR. SMITH: Norman Walker?

2 HEARING OFFICER: No. Dorman Walker.

3 MR. SMITH: Spell that, please.

4 HEARING OFFICER: D-o-r-m-a-n.

5 MR. SMITH: All right, sir. Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER: You're welcome.

7 MR. COX: Next we have Ms. Deborah

8 Paseur.

9 MS. PASEUR: Good morning. Thank you for
10 the opportunity to be here. My name is Deborah Bell
11 Paseur. I am a resident of Lauderdale County, Alabama
12 and have been for more than or around forty years. I
13 don't want to say that because it tells my age but I
14 am -- I've been a member of the Shoals Chamber of
15 Commerce for about that length of time and I am
16 currently on the board serving a second term after
17 having served a term back in the Eighties.

18 So Sam -- you all heard from Sam Mashburn
19 who is our young governmental affairs person and who is
20 doing an excellent job but you can see there's a little
21 age difference between the two of us so I have a little
22 more institutional knowledge maybe than Sam.

23 So the things that I wanted to emphasize,
24 first of all in the Shoals area for many years, which is
25 Colbert and Lauderdale counties, we have struggled with

1 fragmentation and getting our act together, being on the
2 same page to be able to achieve maximum economic
3 development, a viable economic community and grow. And
4 we're just far enough from the Huntsville area that, you
5 know, we haven't enjoyed as much continuous growth as
6 Limestone and Morgan have.

7 So with that being said, two things.
8 First of all regarding the congressional districts, we
9 don't -- I want to just reiterate what Sam Mashburn
10 said. We don't have really adequate representation for
11 the Shoals area. And I'm not blaming anybody for that
12 but, you know, regarding Limestone County that is --
13 wait a minute. I'm sorry. That goes into the house
14 district.

15 But so I would like to reiterate what he
16 said, that we really feel like the Northwest Alabama
17 area would be best served if we could be redistricted
18 into Congressman Aderholt's district.

19 And regarding the state house and I guess
20 it's -- I think it's -- I'm sorry. I'm not sure of the
21 district. It might be District 1 but anyway we're --
22 there's -- partly we have representation in Limestone
23 County and that Limestone County and Morgan County and
24 Madison County literally have a -- they have a
25 formalized agreement between the three counties. It's

1 kind of a working cooperative agreement that covers
2 different aspects of their economic development plan and
3 we're not a part of that.

4 And I just feel that our community is not
5 best served by having any of our representatives
6 represent part of Limestone County. And so I would like
7 for y'all -- I respectfully ask that you consider that.
8 We -- it's bad enough that we're way up here in the
9 Northwest Alabama corner, sort of the stepchild of the
10 state when it comes to getting things done in Montgomery
11 and so we feel like this would -- I mean I certainly
12 feel like this would -- these actions would better serve
13 us and thank you for your time.

14 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

15 MR. COX: Next on the list is Marcel
16 Black.

17 MR. BLACK: Good morning.

18 HEARING OFFICER: Welcome, Representative
19 Black. How are you?

20 MR. BLACK: I know. It's nice to see
21 both of you and I can appreciate the job y'all are --
22 it's a challenging job that you have before you as
23 always.

24 The only thing that I wanted to mention
25 is in the last time in District 3 -- and this is not for

1 me. I am not a candidate nor intend to be a candidate
2 or want to be a candidate but there were about twelve
3 hundred people that got crossed through the river in
4 Lauderdale County which gave that -- on District 3 which
5 really -- I want to say it was almost a mistake and my
6 fault because we were unable to get an amendment on the
7 district which had split Muscle Shoals, Tuscumbia and
8 Sheffield.

9 I think it's important that those three
10 are so connected to stay together and they are currently
11 in District 3. I think bringing those folks and not
12 adding another county to District 3 with only about
13 twelve hundred people in it as it was last time would be
14 more beneficial not only to District 3 and the people of
15 Colbert County but would also benefit the people of
16 Lauderdale County, would have a representative that
17 would represent those people and would be listening to
18 them.

19 They were kind of on an island out there
20 and that was my comments but it is good to see you and I
21 wish you well in doing this, Senator McClendon and my
22 friend, Representative Pringle. Thanks.

23 MR. COX: Thank you, Representative
24 Black. And I think last will be Ms. Linda Peebles and
25 she was first on the list and would like to speak.

1 MS. PEEBLES: Okay. Thank you so much
2 for letting me have a chance again. My name is Linda
3 Peebles. I'm the mayor of Courtland, Alabama in
4 Lawrence County.

5 I guess basically what I would like to
6 speak on is my -- with the senate District 4, Garlan
7 Gudger. He has all of Lawrence County except for just a
8 small part. And actually the town of Courtland itself
9 is divided by road and half of my -- half of the town of
10 Courtland is in District 4, Senator Gudger, and the
11 other half is in Senator Stutts which just has a small
12 part of Lawrence County.

13 And I just think it would benefit my town
14 and the county itself as far as not being divided up
15 with the different senators and I would like to see if
16 you could -- since Garlan -- Senator Gudger has the most
17 of Lawrence County already that he would be provided the
18 chance to be my Senator for all of Courtland and the
19 rest of Lawrence County but I just want to state I have
20 no problem with Senator Stutts. I've worked with him
21 also but I just think it would be better if you could
22 keep Lawrence County as a whole. Thank you so much for
23 letting me speak again.

24 HEARING OFFICER: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.
25 Anyone else at the hearing? I don't see anyone standing

1 up. If you decide you want to speak, let me know but I
2 want to congratulate the Shoals community for -- I
3 remember so clearly, Jim, ten years ago what an
4 organized presentation they gave us and you had all your
5 government officials there and you did everything just
6 right and were concise and very clear about what you
7 wanted and made it easy to understand. It's -- not all
8 hearings go like this so thank you again for being on
9 top of the game.

10 Do we have any -- we don't have any
11 online submissions so one last chance for anyone to
12 speak. All right. I think we've heard you. Thank you
13 very much for giving us your time this morning and have
14 a good day.

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