

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

BANERIAN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs

v.

BENSON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-CV-054-PLM

**Three-Judge Panel Requested
28 U.S.C. § 2284(a)**

DECLARATION OF PETER COLOVOS

PETER COLOVOS declares as follows:

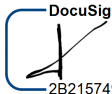
1. I am over 18 years of age and competent to make this declaration.
2. I am a U.S. citizen and am lawfully registered to vote in Michigan.
3. I regularly vote in federal, state, and local elections in Michigan.
4. I reside in Hagar Township, Berrien County, Michigan.
5. I live in the newly created Fourth Congressional District.
6. The newly created Fourth Congressional District contains portions of six different counties. Only the NE corner of Berrien County is contained in the Fourth District with the remainder of Berrien County being contained in the newly formed Fifth Congressional District. The newly formed Fourth Congressional District was not formed according to the requirements outlined in the Michigan Constitution, thus harming me by requiring that I vote in a malformed district that does not represent the unique interests of my local community of Berrien County.
7. As demonstrated by the remedy map submitted with the Complaint, it is possible to keep my county, Berrien County, whole. After the 2010 Census, Berrien County was kept whole. Splitting Berrien County harms me because my county is now split between the Fourth and Fifth

Congressional Districts. The Fourth Congressional District is anchored in Western Michigan while the Fifth Congressional District includes the Detroit suburbs. The Commissioners therefore did not respect my community of interest.

8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: January 26, 2022

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Peter Colovos