


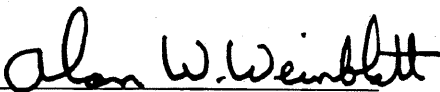
2. The Fourth Congressional District currently includes all of Ramsey County and the adjacent suburbs of northern Dakota County.
3. I am the second female elected Member of Congress from Minnesota since its statehood in 1858.
4. Prior to my election to the United States House of Representatives, I was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives from the North St. Paul area.
5. In all of my public roles I have become knowledgeable about the relationship between St. Paul, Ramsey County and the northern Dakota County suburbs.
6. It is my opinion and belief that Ramsey County should not be divided in the creation of a new congressional district. It is further my opinion that the northern Dakota County suburbs of Mendota Heights, West St. Paul, South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights should also remain a part of the Fourth Congressional District.
7. It is further my opinion that there has been and there continues to be a strong community of interest within all of Ramsey County, between St. Paul and Ramsey County and between St. Paul, Ramsey County and the northern Dakota County suburbs named above.
8. It is further my opinion based upon my fifteen (15) years of elected public service, representing both urban and suburban Ramsey County, that there is not a community of interest between the City of St. Paul and the City of Minneapolis. While these are Twin Cities and actively cooperate and work together, their historical, cultural, economic and social histories and current conditions are very different. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that putting St. Paul and Minneapolis together in a single congressional district would be detrimental to the interests of both core cities.

Further Affiant sayeth not except that this Affidavit is made in opposition to the proposal to combine St. Paul and a portion of Minneapolis into the same congressional district.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 10 day of January 2002.


BETTY MCCOLLUM


Notary Public

