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2<sup>nd</sup> Testimony to the Senate Redistricting Committee on July 29, in response to Chairman King's comments admonishing the participation of those who testified and their characterization of the political realities of the state and country. He supported, in detail of Trumps' role as President and accomplishments. Submitted by: Patricia Garris, CD38, July 29, 2025.

Chairman King, I am confused. I was under the impression that the redistricting hearings are listening sessions. And listening is to gain insight, rather than place judgement. Your comments at the beginning of the redistricting session were not well received.

Most people who have a racial bias will not admit it, unless that admission aligns with a guiding principle. There are many racists who serve in key positions in the U.S. government. Racism fuels the power.

The president has called his racial bent into question by calling minority countries "shit hole" countries. I have been to Russia and know it is a "shit hole" country. Russians agree. Yet, the current president does not call it that.

The current president is a convicted felon who deserves the respect of a convicted felon. In many states, he would not be able to vote.

The current president routinely uses profanity in his public conversations. So he objectively does not respect the office of the presidency.

The current president lies every day and lies about his lies. He bears false witness daily.

The current president, for 15 years, openly associated with a convicted pedophile and chose not to remove himself from that relationship until they had a dispute over a real estate deal.

Your comments about the accuracy of history are obviously the result of your interpretation. There have been many attempts to "revise" or eliminate history. Especially the history of people of color.

It was my understanding that listening is what you have been asked to do. Not judge, dispute, verify or scold.