

Redistricting Not worth the Risk



In late 2025, there was significant discussion about redrawing Indiana's congressional maps to convert the state's two Democratic seats into Republican ones — changing Indiana's delegation from 7 Republicans and 2 Democrats to 9 Republicans.

As a longtime conservative Republican, I would have loved to see that happen. I have great respect for President Trump and Governor Braun, and I share their commitment to advancing conservative leadership. But I was elected to represent the people of my district. My responsibility as a member of the Indiana General Assembly is to listen to them and advocate for their interests.

During that time, I heard from thousands of constituents, many, many great Republican friends — **and the overwhelming message was clear: they opposed mid-decade redistricting.**

If the outcome had been certain, I would have gladly supported the effort. But **the reality was that there were no guarantees.** In fact, some of the proposed maps created real risks that could have resulted in Republicans **losing seats instead of gaining them.** The proposed maps were developed in Washington, D.C., using an algorithm, with little to no input from the people who actually live in Indiana.

Under those maps, Indianapolis would have four congressional districts. Do we want Indianapolis to dominate the state? In our own region, Elkhart County would have been divided so that the middle of the county would fall into the 3rd Congressional District while the northern and southern portions would be placed in the 2nd District. Even Bristol Township could have ended up with two different members of Congress — meaning neighbors across the street could have different representatives. That kind of fragmentation weakens communities and makes it harder for our region to have a strong voice in Washington.

The proposed changes would also have dramatically altered Congressman Rudy Yakym's district — with nearly 60% of the district becoming new territory and extending west toward Michigan City, an area with a strong Democratic base, an area that Joe Donnelly easily won over Jackie Walorski. I did not want to risk the possibility of having a Democratic Congressmen and losing a strong conservative voice for our region.

While I respect President Trump's request and the goals behind it, the potential risks to our community and our representation were simply too great. At the end of the day, **my duty is to the people I represent and to listen to their voices** — not outside pressure or political algorithms. Rushing a decision of this magnitude, without clear support from the people of our district and without certainty about the outcome, **simply wasn't the right choice for Indiana.**

Senator Linda Rogers