

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commission,

I am writing you to please consider removing Powell Township from the current 110<sup>th</sup> State House District to the current 109<sup>th</sup> State House District. However the districts are formed and perhaps renumbered during redistricting after receiving the census data, Powell Township in Marquette County Michigan needs to be in the same district as Marquette Township and the City of Marquette.

The reasons for this request are necessitated through Powell Township's shared Communities of Interest with Marquette Township and the City of Marquette, as well as Marquette County as a whole.

- Powell shares the only paved road into and out of our township with Marquette Township and the City of Marquette
- Driving the 70 miles of paved road to get to Baraga County in the outskirts of the eastern 110<sup>th</sup> district, we must pass through seven other Marquette County townships and the City of Marquette.
- Our State House Representatives since 2002 have all lived 3-4 hours away from Powell Township. We rarely see them.
- High school students in Powell Township attend school in either Negaunee or Marquette.
- The Marquette County Road Commission services our roads
- Other than frequenting our small town gas/grocery store and restaurants we make our major food, building supply, and entertainment choices in the City of Marquette or Marquette Township.
- Some residents attend church in Marquette; there are two churches in Big Bay, Powell Township.
- The majority of Powell Township residents work in the City of Marquette or surrounding townships
- The closest hospital, doctors, and medical facilities are in the City of Marquette.
- Powell residents share a contiguous coastline on Lake Superior with Marquette Township, Chocolay Township, and the City of Marquette.

For these reasons our community interests are shared predominantly with the City of Marquette and Marquette Township. The citizens of Powell Township deserve fair representation that shares and understands our needs and our aspirations for the future. The residents of Powell Township need to be represented by people we know and see in our community.

Thank you for your hard work on the commission and considering my recommendation.

Signed

Date

Address/Contact Info