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Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Drive
Lexington, KY 40505

Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing in regards to the proposed redistricting of the Meade County High School soccer teams. I have two sons who play on the boy's team and am very interested in the outcome of this proposal. I am very hopeful that our team will remain in the current district and region.

It is my understanding that the proposed new district would include Meade County, Breckinridge County, Grayson County and Butler County. My biggest concern is the driving distance to Grayson and Butler Counties, and the fact that all the other teams are in the Central time zone. This will result in some very late nights for all the students involved. Currently our varsity games start at 7 PM. If our students play a game in Butler County, it wouldn't even start until 8PM our time. The earliest we could make it home from one of these games would be midnight. I might add that I have never been to Morgantown in my life, and I'm surprised that it is considered to be in the same district as Brandenburg.

It is also my understanding that the reason behind the redistricting proposal is to align the soccer districts with the basketball districts as much as possible. I do understand the logic behind this, but I think our soccer teams will suffer if this happens. I contacted personnel at the other district's central offices to inquire about their soccer fields. I wanted to make sure they all had lighted playing fields. I found out that they all do have fields to play on that are lighted. However, I also learned that Breckinridge County does not have a boy's team and Butler County has only been playing a coed team. The Greenwave team was competitive in our district last season, and I think we would lose some of our competitive edge by playing in the proposed district.

My final argument is simply to plead my case as a parent. My oldest son will be a one of ten seniors on next season's Greenwave roster. This group of kids has been playing together since elementary recreation league. We have been friendly rivals with the Hardin County teams all this time. The upcoming season will be the last chance the class of 2013 has to win the District 10 championship. We have a real shot of doing this. Please don't take that away from our boys. It is one thing to lose the district title because you get outplayed; it is another thing entirely to not even be invited to play. This is the worst possible year to redistrict for Meade County. Please reconsider.

Thanks very much for your time. I anxiously await your decision.

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