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Mr. Patrick Dennis:

Thank you for affording citizens the opportunity to have a voice on the redistricting of South Carolina. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Cherokee County Republican Party. I was elected in 2009 and re-elected to the position on April 11 for another two year term.

While this is obviously the moment the constitution affords legislators the opportunity to select their voters, I hope their selection is for the common good of the people and not for the benefit of a few.

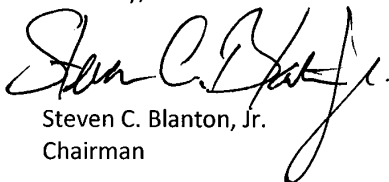
Since 2007, the South Carolina House representation of Cherokee County has seen many changes. All legislators that represented parts of our county through the past two redistricting plans have been replaced. This process affords new opportunities for our fairly new legislative delegation. Cherokee County is very fortunate to be represented by three hardworking House Members: Dennis Moss of District 29, Steve Moss of District 30, and Eddie Tallon of District 33. They each do their part to be involved in the community and to represent the needs of their districts. The voters know their legislators; they know who to reach out to when a need arises in their district. This representation awareness can only be reinforced by our legislators working together to preserve as much of their current district plan as possible. We are very well served by the three districts we have because they are well linked with the areas surrounding Cherokee County.

I hope the South Carolina House of Representatives can develop a plan for redistricting that least disrupts representation in the Cherokee County.

Thank you for your time and care in handling this decision.

With sincerest respect, I remain

Sincerely,



Steven C. Blanton, Jr.
Chairman