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I wish to make a submission to Committee 1 to review the current absurd voting boundary situation in my area.

I take my vote very seriously and I only vote for people I deem worthy, based on their servitude to the area which affects me and my family.

The only one I knew on the ballot last time was Bandon's Margaret Murphy O Mahony and that's only because she called to my door at one election before she became a TD (haven't seen her since). Whereas I usually give my vote to a few people on the ballot (to make the most of my vote in our PR system), I found I could only vote for that one person.

It's ridiculous that we in the Crosshaven area can't vote for the fantastic representatives Michael McGrath TD and Seamus McGrath and Cllr. Marcia D'Alton and other representatives who don't appear on our ballot since that preposterous decision to change the boundaries.

They are the only ones doing anything for our immediate area. We wouldn't even *expect* representatives in Bandon and Kinsale to have time to help us anyway.

Please consider the situation before the next election.

Thank you.

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