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IN SUPPORT OF:
OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE MAP

University Heights, Ohio, January 18, 2022 — I write today in opposition to the GOP-proposed state legislative maps and ask the Commission to fulfill its duty to provide Ohioans with fair, nonpartisan maps that provide citizens with the representation they deserve.

I have lived in Ohio for the majority of my life, but have not had the confidence that my voice or my vote has mattered. There have been times in my life when I voted as a Republican and times when I have voted as a Democrat, but without fair district maps, I have never felt that the Ohio government was fairly reflecting my voting preferences or those of my fellow citizens. The maps seemed rigged to ensure a predetermined outcome of political players as opposed to the people of Ohio.

This is our chance to make things right.

The citizens of Ohio have spoken and we want fair maps. We cannot, and should not, be asked to settle for less than this. We deserve true political representation from our elected government officials and I, therefore, ask the Commission to do its duty to Ohioans and ensure that the Ohio State Legislature maps reflect the partisan makeup of our state.

I strongly urge the Commission to adopt the maps put forth by the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission. These maps are well thought out and representative of the will of the people. Please do the right thing for Ohio and adopt the maps from this citizen-led effort. We are counting on you to honor our wishes.