

Karen Barton Testimony - Ohio Redistricting Hearing 8/27/2021

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. I appreciate your service and that you've come to listen today. . My name is Karen Barton and I vote in the 16th US Congressional district, the Ohio 69th Congressional & 22nd Senate districts. My districts all have one common element. All are gerrymandered. I ask for your pledge to approve fair district borders for all district maps in Ohio. Will you take that pledge?.

The 2011 maps drove me here today. Those maps gave 75% of congressional seats to Republicans even though Republicans only received 55% of the vote. Representational fairness was denied and democracy was thwarted.

You were hired to create fair maps. I have faith that you all will serve justly as you have sworn in your oath of office. Bear in mind you will be held to account for your map drawing. I am here to pledge to referendum any unfair maps as do others present and at home watching. Please approve district boundaries that serve all Ohioans. Thank you for listening.