

Testimony in supporting Fair District Map Making.

My name is Jill Hazelton in Franklin Township Portage County and Vote in District 75.

As someone who voted for district reform, who works as a poll official, and who cares deeply about fair maps, I am very concerned about democracy in our state voting process. Democracy works if we ALL have fair representation. Every voter needs to be heard and gerrymandered districts prevent this from occurring. In 2018, voters representing all parties of 88 counties and 70% of the vote clearly let you know that they are against partisan gerrymandering and want it ended!

When any party manipulates district maps to benefit specific candidates with an end game of gaining or maintaining power all people suffer. Democracy is about fair real representation and without fair equal representation the people do not have a voice!

I am disappointed that you have waited so long to get the commission and up and working. I fear that you have not allowed enough time to hear from and involve the people in the in process of making fair maps. Therefore, I implore you to follow the districting reform rules, involve the people in the decision making, create map that are fair, transparent, non- discriminatory and politically impartial!

I am counting on you as the voice of every individual to do the right thing, to be transparent, open, and bipartisan!

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