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To: The Ohio Redistricting Commission

My name is Gail Larson. My address is 3797 Montevista Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 My community of interest is the Noble Neighborhood in Cleveland Heights.

My neighbors are low to moderate income families, 50% minority and many are retired. 50% of the homes are investor owned either currently occupied by renters or vacant. Our community continues to suffer from the housing foreclosure crisis of 2008.

I am asking the Commission to commit to eliminating the gerrymandered nature of Ohio Districts and draw lines that keep communities together rather than dividing them. Keep Communities adjacent to Cleveland Heights, like East Cleveland, within the same boundaries.

Ohio voters deserve to know that they are represented by someone who will have their best interests in mind when they vote on legislation. Ohio voters deserve to know that their State Representative and State Senator understand the needs of the people they represent.

Please do not let the politics of the moment override your mapping. Remove the gerrymandered nature of our districts and replace them with maps that keep communities of interest together rather than dividing them. Please allow the residents of Ohio to vote in Districts that have been drawn in a process transparent to the public with the intention of Fairness for the entire State of Ohio. If you can do that, we can all be proud of the end result.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Larson