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Ohio Redistricting Commission

Re: Written Testimony

Good morning:

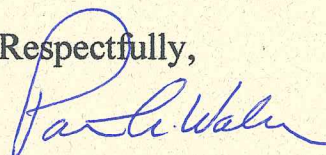
I helped to obtain petition signatures to stop gerrymandering. No matter the voter's party affiliation almost all wanted to sign the petition. When the issue was on the ballot more than 70% of the voters approved the new and better way to determine districts.

Gerrymandering makes it harder for people to know their representatives. For instance, my State Senator, Mark Romanchuk, lives almost an hour away from me in Mansfield. I have not had the opportunity to meet Senator Romanchuk.

In addition, the current state representative districts do not keep communities together. Medina County is divided. It is part of the 7th House District and the 69th House District. When advocating or opposing a proposed state law it is difficult to determine the state representative district of my Medina County neighbor. It is therefore hard to determine which representative my neighbor should contact.

I urge the Commission to keep all of Medina County in one state senate district and in one state house district. Further, I urge that the redistricting process be transparent and open and that the voices of the public be heard.

Respectfully,



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