

TESTIMONY OF:

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IN SUPPORT OF:

Fair Maps
Ohio Redistricting Commission

West Chester, OH, 08/22/2021

Dear Committee,

Please prevent gerrymandering. I am a resident of Butler County, Ohio since 2006 (16 years). I live in West Chester, OH and I have my own office in Anderson Township and a second location in Springboro. My community spans a large area of people of diverse cultures, religions, and backgrounds.

The current Ohio House and Senate maps are unfair and unacceptable. They were created by those in power only to keep the same parties in power or swing the electorate in Ohio to one side. You can site many examples throughout the state where lines are drawn to minimize the voting power of certain groups. We are divided among arbitrary lines without our consent to isolate and disenfranchise voters. It is an institutionalized form of voter suppression.

My main reason for this opinion is that my elected representatives do not share my same views or ideals. I have reached out to them in the past many times to raise concerns about national and local issues only to be ignored. Any responses form them have been rare and only been form letters totally dismissing the opinions and concerns of myself and my community members. For example, my current representative is against wearing masks for COVID. I believe that is dangerous and misinformed. My current and previous representatives continue to give tax breaks to a minority of the population at the expense of funding for local projects in particular schools.

I believe an independent commission of diverse backgrounds and all the parties should be allowed to make modifications to the maps to make them fair. When those in power change the rules to stay in power that I not a democracy it is a dictatorship.

Sincerely,



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