## **TESTIMONY OF:**

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## **IN SUPPORT OF:**

Fair Maps
Ohio Redistricting Commission

West Chester, OH, 08/22/2021

Dear Committee.

I am a resident of Butler County for the past 16 years and choose to live in West Chester to be close to my extended family and the Muslim community. In addition, I own two businesses in West Chester. I define my community as the schools, shopping, and cultural centers near and around me. These are the people I share coffee with, my kids go to school and play sports with, and go to the mosque with. I am disappointed to see how redistricting does not include my next door communities that I share life experiences with.

Gerrymandering has disenfranchised our community from seeing an impact of our vote for local elections as well as community funding. We need fair redistricting to encourage everyone to have a voice and to ensure politicians are actually representing and speaking for the districts they are elected to.

Thank you for your time and counting my voice in the process for fair redistricting maps that actually represent the people.

Sincerely,

Zaiba Malik. M.D.

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