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Members of the Commission,

My name is Sue Lewis and my family has lived in Westlake, North Olmsted, Bay Village and Fairview Park since the 1920s.

My Ohio Senate district now extends from the Lorain County line in a "U" shape around Cleveland to the far east side and Mayfield Hts. My congressional district is now shaped like a "J" going from Westlake all the way south to Wadsworth and Wooster, Ohio and then east through several rural communities. This feels like taxation without representation.

I am disappointed that this commission has provided such limited hours for testimony from the public. Public input could have been ongoing since many weeks ago and now the commission has it in one week. There are no evening hours or weekend hours, effectively eliminating testimony from people who work. There is essentially one three hour opportunity on one day for all of the voters of the greater Cleveland area. I have several family members and friends who are teachers who are very interested in this fair district issue and process and all that goes on in Columbus that affects them, who cannot attend because they are back in school.

I hope this commission will be faithful to the will of the voters of Ohio and follow the rules for creating new fair districts. A lot of people are paying attention to how this goes.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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