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Speaker Cupp, Senator Sykes, and members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission - thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify today in support of Ohio's redistricting process and in the hope that fairly drawn maps are the result of these community hearings.

My name is Hannah Servedio and I'm proud to serve as the Senior Organizer with NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio. As such, I'm going to speak about an issue I care deeply about, one that is undeniably affected by our current map system. Access to abortion care. I spend a lot of my time traveling and talking with community members, not only about what's happening statewide as it relates to reproductive health and rights, but also why some of it has come to be.

As a result of our gerrymandered districts, there are a disproportionate number of anti-choice legislators in the Ohio House and Senate. On average, more than 6 out of every 10 people in Ohio supports the Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v Wade*, and yet our statehouse is flooded with abortion ban after abortion ban. It's hard to keep up – and I work in the field. My tax dollars, the ones that I happily pay, are going towards legislators battling it out on the House and Senate floor over experiences most of them have never had to deal with, not to mention specifically ignoring testimony heard that spoke to these experiences, instead of solving actual issues in this state, like food insecurity, education funding, and maternal and infant mortality. Even in the face of a deadly public health crisis like COVID 19, abortion is still somehow the focus. SB 260, which prohibits physicians from using telemedicine options to prescribe abortion medication to patients, was passed and signed into law. During a global pandemic! A time where telemedicine care became dire and heavily utilized in other fields of medicine.

These bills and budget decisions are directly causing harm to our communities, especially communities of color. For too many, abortion is a right in name only. That's why we don't just talk about reproductive rights – it's important that that translates to reproductive access. The impacts of restrictions on or outright bans of reproductive healthcare are felt the most by people already marginalized and oppressed by the structural inequities here in Ohio. And instead of addressing the needs of their constituents, anti-choice legislators have been following their own agendas every step of the way.

Gerrymandering drives political extremism - we don't see the balance that communities would benefit from and instead, the power is held by those who have the privilege to shout the loudest. Legislators get comfortable in these districts – they don't hold townhalls, they straight up say they don't address the calls or emails of people they don't agree with. They know they can continually push ideals that interest them and their big donors, without feeling any real effect at the ballot box. Its predetermined. It's anti-democratic. And it's unfair. Voters should get the chance to choose their representatives, not the other way around. Regardless of this commission's personal beliefs on policy-based issues in this state, I hope you'll take into consideration that fair maps, districts drawn with community input, represent Ohioans more equally and will be a benefit for all going forward. Thank you.