

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony to the Ohio Redistricting Commission. I write today to express the importance of a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and inclusive.

My name is Karen Deibel. I live in rural Clark County. To take care of myself, my family, my community and my home, I do business in Springfield, Enon, Yellow Springs, and Dayton. I have extended family members, both republican and democrat, living throughout Ohio. Each of us deserves an equal opportunity for representation. Voting districts must not favor one political party over the other. Every voter deserves the opportunity for full participation in the political system. The will of the people remains powerless in a rigged system. With no voice, some voters become frustrated and exit the system or find other ways to vent that frustration.

I ask you to do the right thing. Be an example to other states by creating fair districts through a transparent and inclusive process. Every Ohioan deserves that. Ohioans voted overwhelmingly to end gerrymandering. It is truly a bipartisan mandate.

Thank you.

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