

Testimony

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you. My name is Sheila Drennen. I vote in the 8th District in Springfield, Ohio (city/municipality). I would like to draw your attention to the issue of voters who are registered but do not vote.

In my neighborhood, (tell your story)
We are a very rural precinct and our voters tend to stay in their homes for decades. Our voters are likely to be above the median age of other voting populations. Many are elderly and some are disabled. As I canvassed the area for getting signatures on the initiative petition, I learned that regardless of which political party voters align with, most agreed that gerrymandered maps are unfair, undemocratic and the system must change.

This effectively means
This Commission has a broad bipartisan mandate to do the right thing for Ohio - draw fair maps!
This Commission has an opportunity to use a combination of technological and human input to produce excellent maps that are a model for other states.

Facts, etc.

1. ~~Citizens are in doubt that their representatives care about their issues,~~
CITIZENS EXPRESS DOUBT THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES CARE ABOUT THEIR ISSUES.
2. I AM SUBMITTING THIS AS WRITTEN TESTIMONY BECAUSE COVID SPREADS INDOORS MORE THAN OUTSIDE. I WILL NOT ATTEND IN PERSON.
- 3.

The consequence of not fixing this problem include
Voter apathy or feelings of anger and disempowerment.
Voters dropping out of participating in our most important democratic process - voting.
Sets up our democracy to fail & oligarchies to rule

I ask you to
Protect our democracy and ensure Ohio has a truly representative government by carrying out this mandate.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

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