

Written Testimony for Aug 24 Hearing at Sinclair Community College

Thank you for accepting this written testimony. My name is Trischa Goodwin. I live in Oregonia, located in House District 62 and Senate District 7, neither of which includes the local public school my children attend nor many of the closest places for us to shop. This means that when my husband and I vote, we are not helping decide who represents our school district. We are not able to vote for the people representing our local businesses and commercial areas. This means that others are deciding who represents the places we are most invested in, while we are casting votes for communities that are vastly different from our rural one.

I remember growing up and looking forward to being old enough to vote because I was taught that it meant that I would have a say in what happened in my community. I have tried to pass on that excitement and responsibility to my children, but they are aware of the unfairness of a system that is now designed to reduce the efficacy of some votes. They are disillusioned and feel they will be disenfranchised when they reach voting age. I am asking you as a commission to institute fair districts and help our youth to see that people of different views and parties can work together to do the right thing, to establish districts where each vote counts.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

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