

August 24, 2021

Re: Written Testimony for the Public Hearing
Sinclair Community College
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Dear Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission,

My name is Kathryn LeVesconte. I am a psychologist and I live and work in Greene County, Senate District 10 and House District 73. I am writing to you today because I care deeply about our democracy and I want to continue to help our country's reality match our ideals.

As you know, in 2015, Ohio voters overwhelmingly supported state legislative redistricting reform, and in 2018, voters followed up by passing congressional redistricting reform. Both constitutional ballot measures won in all 88 Ohio counties and by more than 70% of the vote.

I believe all voters should be fairly represented, no matter race, background, zip code, or income. Fair maps should include population equality, contiguity, geographic integrity, responsiveness, representational fairness, racial equity, and compactness.

As you make our district maps, I ask that you keep the redistricting process fair, transparent, non-discriminatory and politically impartial. I ask that you fulfill the promise of the redistricting reforms placed into the Ohio Constitution. Maps should serve the voters - not the political interests of parties or candidates.

Help our country demonstrate in fact the values of fairness and democracy that are our ideals!

Sincerely,

Kathryn LeVesconte