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**NOT IN SUPPORT OF:**

Gerrymandered District Maps

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I'm Jelena Majstorovic, I'm from Columbus and I live in Senate District 3. I'm here to advocate for fair maps. My own district is split up in a way that doesn't make much sense. I could take a drive, leave my district, and then re-enter it, all within 10 minutes. This type of gerrymandering is bad for everyone, not just the opposition party. Even the party in power is affected negatively by gerrymandering. It forces candidates to adopt more extreme views in order to capture the votes at the margin of the party. Just like a monopoly in business leads to overpricing, gerrymandering in politics leads to overrepresentation. Competition is good for business and good for politics. It keeps politicians accountable to the people which is the whole point of democracy. I hope you will keep this in mind as you draw the maps. With gerrymandering, no one wins in the long run. Thank you for hearing me out.