

Ohio Redistricting Commission Testimony
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My name is Dr. Tommie R. Radd. I vote in Ohio Senate District 3, House District 19 and Congressional District 3. The reason I'm here is to highlight the detrimental impact that partisan gerrymandering of our Ohio House, Senate and Congressional districts have on my community and state. Over years I've worked with many nonpartisan groups, including Common Cause, League of Women Voters, Ohio Voice, All On The Line, and Fair Districts. Our goal is to reset Ohio and the Congress to Preserve and Protect our Constitutional Democratic Republic.

My community Gahanna, is a diverse community of approximately 36,000 people evenly split along party lines with a large number of independent voters. Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools includes portions of Jefferson Township, Mifflin Township and all of Gahanna City. Our school district is split with three Ohio House Districts (19, 20 and 25) and two Ohio Senate Districts (3 and 15). Gahanna City is split between two Congressional Districts (3 and 12). This has to stop! Our city and schools deserve one unified voice for representation at all levels of government. Gahanna citizens have submitted a Map for this unification to this commission.

This loud demand for fair districts is exemplified in the Gahanna Vote. Ohio Fair House and Senate Districts (Issue 1 in 2015) passed with 79% of the vote! Ohio Congressional Fair Districts (Issue 1 in 2018) passed with 81% of the vote! Four of every five Gahanna voters overwhelmingly said enough is enough! This is a democracy issue and one of fairness and representation.

When stories like my community's are replicated statewide the impact is a super majority at the Statehouse and the Ohio representation sent to Washington DC. **YOU NOW HAVE THE POWER TO FIX THIS THREAT.** Ohioans voted for you to fix this unfairness and stand for ALL people now. This Redistricting Commission has a responsibility to draw fair maps per the Letter and the Spirit of our Ohio Constitutional Amendments as demanded by the voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today,

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