

Ohio Redistricting Commission Testimony August 27, 2021
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Good Day:

I am a voter in House District 19, Ohio Senate District 3 and Congressional District 3. As a voter, I am distressed that Gahanna Jefferson Public School District is split between three Ohio House Districts (19, 20, and 25) and two Ohio Senate District (3 and 15). Furthermore, Gahanna City is split between two Congressional Districts (3 and 12). This is outrageous and a barrier to local democracy!

Voters in Ohio, and Gahanna in particular, are demanding fairness in mapping. Maps have been drawn by both major parties in the past for elected officials to select the voters! We want the reverse - voters to decide which leaders to elect!

Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools are suffering from the gerrymandering currently reflected in the way that the Ohio House and Senate and Congressional Districts are drawn.

I expect the work of this Commission to adhere to the Issues passed by Ohio voters and to make significant changes that will put a stop to the gerrymandering practices of our past. We cannot afford anything less!

I have been involved with the non partisan work of the League of Women Voters who have been committed to Ohio's creation of Fair Districts for many years. Voters care and expect 2021 to a victory for Ohio democracy from this Commission doing its job!

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