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I am writing to encourage you and your colleagues to live up to the letter and spirit of the Constitutional amendments passed in 2015 and 2018 regarding redistricting in Ohio. I will not be attending one of the hearings, so I am providing my thoughts in writing instead.

My state senate district (District 16) is diverse economically and demographically. It should not be a “gimme” for either party, which is to say it represents what an ideal district should be. The incumbent prevailed in a tough race for reelection last year. She did not need a safe district to win her seat, and neither does any other legislator of either party.

I wish I could say I was as pleased with my Congressional district as I am with my state senate and house districts. I live in the Franklin County portion of U.S. House District 12, and I can think of no good reason that my community should be part of a district that stretches north to Mansfield and east to Zanesville. I have nothing against those cities, but I do not consider them part of my community of interest.

The people of Ohio will benefit from competitive elections, which will result from a fair redistricting process that does not render the outcome of most elections a foregone conclusion. Thanks in advance.