

Easy Testimony Fill-in

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you. My name is Daniel Bruce. I vote in the 13 house district and 23rd senate district District in Lakewood

I have a bunch of part time jobs, and for a couple of them I am only paid for the exact hours I work. I

attended your other Cleveland based hearing a few weeks ago, which was also scheduled during work hours. So It has now cost me \$225 to take part in this process.

Geoff Wise of Cincinnati and Pranav Padmanabhan of Columbus both submitted maps that are more competitive and more representative. I ask you to please consider these maps.

I would like to discuss my own experience along with that of many of my friends. We represent the younger generation that finished college and moved out of Ohio to big cities or to the coasts. After getting older and having children moving back began to look like a good idea. It is cheaper, we can be around family, and I really like it- having grown up here. Discussing this plan with my wife and other friends, the one thing that kept coming up was the politics. Ohio has a reputation as a state that is moving more and more to the extreme right. I don't believe this accurately reflects the political will of the voters. I think it has happened over the last ten years largely due to Gerrymandering. So here we are, with stand your ground bills being passed and multiple bills being introduced to restrict womens' reproductive rights. The legislature has taken away the Governor's power to declare a public health emergency. Meanwhile my children are in school in person while our Covid numbers are out of control. All this while defunding mental health, failing to properly fund public education, not to mention improving our lakefront accessibility.

My wife and I want to live in a place that reflects our values to some degree. We have been here for five years. As we've become more aware and involved in politics in this state, we have begun discussing where else we might want to live if things keep going this direction. Given that part of Dewine's proposed budget allocated funds to market Ohio to young people from other states, I don't think it is a good sign that I am having this talk with my wife and many of my friends who have moved back.

You have lost our trust. You have forgotten that you are supposed to work for the people. We should not have to upend our lives getting signatures, missing work to come to meetings, etc. to beg you to do your job in an honest manner with decency and integrity.