



OHIO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
WITNESS & MEDIA INFORMATION FORM

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Date of hearing/location for which testimony is being submitted: September 13, 2021  
at Corporate College In Warrensville Heights, Ohio

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In Ohio legislators have brazenly chosen their voters with the aim of permanently keeping power despite the desire of the people. Linking Akron and the East side of Cleveland into one district is an obvious example of the attempt to lessen the voice of Democratic voters. The infamous “Snake on the Lake” is another obvious example of a tortuously contrived district. There are many other examples across the state. Up until now no one could stop this attack on democracy in Ohio. But 2 years ago the people passed a law calling for fair districts. You are the representatives of the people who now have the power to be sure the will and voice of the people will prevail. We have lost a decade of democracy in Ohio with the current districts maps. It’s one thing to win or lose because of the popularity of your policies. It’s shameful to rig the system so that your policies are adapted despite being unpopular. America used to be a beacon of hope for fairness and the rule of law in the world. Blatantly unfair districts in Ohio and other states have eroded our reputation as a Democratic country. The spirit of the law that brings us here today, and in other venues around the state, calls for districts that reflect the composition of Ohio’s political affiliation. Those affiliations are reflected in the presidential elections:

In the [2016 election](#), [Donald Trump](#) (R) carried Ohio with 51.7% of the vote to [Hillary Clinton's](#) (D) 43.6%. In 2020, 53% voted for Trump (R) and 45% voted for Biden (D). Between 1900 and 2016, the Republican presidential candidate carried Ohio in 60% of elections and the Democratic candidate in 40%. ([https://ballotpedia.org/Presidential election in Ohio, 2020](https://ballotpedia.org/Presidential_election_in_Ohio,_2020)).

The new districts must reflect these percentages and not a made up percentage that unfairly benefits one side. Ohio wants democracy which why we’re here today. America wants democracy. You were brought here to repair an attack on democracy. Ohioans want you to have the courage and integrity to do it.