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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong displeasure with the initial redistricting maps that you have proposed. The following points highlight my concerns.

For State House Representatives:

- In numerous cases, the state representative maps fail to keep counties together.
- My district, House District 98, fails the compactness test, running from western Morrow County to eastern Holmes County. Why not include all of Knox County and Morrow County together?
- Rather than making it a priority to seek equal representation between house districts, more than a third of the proposed districts would have representation that is close to the 5% limit in representation. This is shameful. In effect, these districts deny Ohioans fair representation.

For State Senate:

- Again, the Senate maps fail the compactness test. In my case, District 19 runs from western Delaware County all the way east to parts of northeastern Holmes County.
- District 19 would be much more compact if it instead included parts of northern Licking County. This change would also keep Ohio citizens with more similar concerns together as it would then include much of the eastern and northern exurban areas that are geographically linked to the Columbus metropolitan area.

Finally, this proposed map completely fails any competitiveness test. These maps would continue our downward spiral of extreme partisanship because so few districts have even moderate competitiveness. This just reinforces extremism and will continue Ohio's disastrous trending toward legislation that ignores the pressing concerns of everyday Ohioans.

Please do your jobs as Commissioners and make the needed major changes to this proposed redistricting map.

Sincerely,

Janet Chandler