

Thank you for your time today. My name is Jay Ketchaver and I live in Lakewood.

In 2015 and 2018, Ohioans across the political spectrum overwhelmingly voted in favor of fair districts. I spent countless hours gathering hundreds of signatures for these reforms, and talked to Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. Everyone agreed that the voters of Ohio should pick their politicians. People were outraged that Ohio politicians were allowed to pick their voters.

The following comments are directed solely at the Republicans on the commission, who have approached this entire redistricting process in bad faith.

The truth is that the vast number of Ohioans want fair districts, and overwhelmingly voted for reforms.

Republicans are lying when they claim they couldn't do anything because the census data was delayed, that their maps are fair, that they're following the Ohio Constitution, or whatever other excuse they offer for their machinations.

The truth is, Republicans are trying to commit an even more egregious gerrymander because they only value political power and have nothing but contempt for the people of Ohio, the Constitution, and democracy.

We know what you're doing and we won't stand for it. Follow the Constitution, respect the will of Ohioans, and do your jobs.