

Senator Cupp, Senator Sykes, Co-chairs, and elected officials.

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I am here today as a private citizen disgusted in the opacity of the Redistricting process by BOTH House Democrats and Republicans. Based on the Constitution, we were supposed to be a process that included the opinions and voices of Ohioan constituents, yet, all fair and equitable opportunities to share our voices that would lead to justice have been snuffed out by the committee's lack of planning, absence of empathy to 9-5 workers, 18 year old voters, or disabled individuals- having given details of all hearings to the public last minute. Even for today's event, we only heard about the location and time of this hearing last Thursday afternoon. One work Day of time. A period of time that most working class citizens wouldn't be able to utilize to take off work to be here. A time that is wrought with traffic and inaccessibility of public transportation. When was the last time you visited the communities you've drawn into your new maps? Or, a better question, why have you been so remiss in equitable hearing planning? I'm not here to tell you what Democrats or Republicans want. I'm here to remind you **all** that Ohioans demand fair maps and that we voted for it **TWICE** in all 88 counties by over 70%, yet, this year we have been presented with less than ample opportunities to share our voices and be involved. I've been following this process since the beginning and I know that the common rebuttals for lack of transparency and action by the committee has been in sum that because of the Covid-19 pandemic the 2020 census data was delayed, thus making it difficult to draw and present to the public Ohio's new maps. However, it wasn't enough of a burden for both parties to spend over \$173,000 of tax payer money to date on redistricting costs. Based on a report submitted directly from the Ohio House, this money has been spent on state of the art computers, outside specialist consultant costs, hotel room reservations, and mapping and geographic software amongst other things. Things that it wasn't spent on was an ASL interpreter, Closed captioning on the Ohio Channel, Spanish translator, or printed materials for constituents that are hard of hearing or who don't have WiFi or cable, things that would continue to allow transparency and inclusivity to all constituents. And, at the end of the day with all 173,000plus tax payer dollars spent on map creation and redistricting we Ohioans were only presented with a tentative map last week. 8 days past the September 1st deadline. Generally speaking, missing a professional project deadline by a week and then insulting your hiring audience with a below satisfactory product leads to a termination of employment. This is a defining moment in Ohio and America's history. Your involvement, or lack thereof, will be remembered for my generation and the generation of voters to come. We are watching, We are enraged, We are disappointed. We demand better. Do better.