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Co-chairs and members of The Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I'm sorry that I did not turn in written testimony. I will have some, and I will fill out a slip.

I just have a couple of questions:

My name is Mike Halaiko. Officially, my first name is John.

I did get to testify at Zanesville, and I was quite honored to do that. I saw one member of this Commission at every public hearing, and I want to thank you, Co-chair Sykes for being there.

I want to go back to the beginning of the meeting, and with all due respect, one of the statements that we hear is that the census data was late, and I would like to ask Secretary LaRose, why was that census data late?

You know, there was great excitement, in the meetings, the public hearings. I came here on August 31st, and, I have to tell you, quite frankly, it's a little depressing. The people of Ohio have spoken. What is it going to take?

This is a bi-partisan commission, and I listened to Senator Emilia Sykes ask this question: What is the timeline? She asked a simple question: How are we moving forward? And I don't know if we have an answer to that yet. That was how many days ago? How many days do we have left until the second Constitutional date?

I just want to ask one more question: OK, it's a bi-partisan Commission. OK, outside of August 6th, August 31st, and this date, how many bi-partisan meetings have you had?

Anyone?

Well, thank you for this opportunity. No questions?

Does anyone have any answers for the questions, that I asked?