

Written Testimony for Susan Jolly of Springfield, OH

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to comment on a public map submitted by Larry Nesbitt, which has equally-proportioned and contiguous districts rather than the current 16 districts we now have in the State.

Since Ohio must lose one district, it makes sense to change to a system in which Ohioans are represented in Washington DC as 'neighbors' rather than spreading districts (such as OH 4) over hundreds of miles.

I also believe Springfield is part of the greater Dayton area and does not belong in a rural-dominant district as has been proposed elsewhere. My mother was born in Springfield; her maternal family were the original "First Families of Clark County" in 1819, and her paternal family settled here not long afterwards in the 1850s. Most of them are buried at Vernon-Asbury Cemetery and the others at Ferncliff. They were city dwellers who were home builders and business people. The currently living family has held a family reunion here in Springfield for over 100 consecutive years.

Gerrymandering has no place in Ohio, and must end this year with the new redistricting plan.

Thank you.

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