

Blessing, Heather

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My name is Kathleen Helbling and throughout my life I have lived in many states throughout the United States. Twenty-two years ago, I moved to Ohio.

My dream for my state is that representatives will enact laws that will appeal to all citizens of the state. That will only happen, however, if elected officials are moderates who are able to talk to and sympathize with members of both parties. This happens so seldom in Ohio because the state is heavily gerrymandered. That means that politicians are often in 'safe' districts and therefore they can have extreme views that are liberal or conservative. Then that politician only needs to appeal to one party. I have seen that happen over and over in Ohio.

This does not seem like democracy to me. It is one party often dictating policy for the state and opposition feels completely irrelevant. So I am depending on you to remedy this as best you can so that people like me do not feel disenfranchised.

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