

## **Blessing, Heather**

---

**From:** Joseph Cumo <josephmcumo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2021 2:13 PM  
**To:** Testimony  
**Subject:** OH Dist 7 issues

Members of the Ohio Redistricting Commission,

As a citizen of Ohio and a registered voter in our Great State I ask that you create districts that will make it possible for the voters of Ohio to fairly and ethically select and elect those individuals who reflect our values and issues and not those of one political party or the other. For all my voting life I have not had the opportunity to cast a meaningful vote for a candidate in Dist. 7 who was not the choice of the political party who carved out a secure district for the Republican party. As a registered Republican party member I was compelled to withhold my vote when I disagreed with the only choice available to me. That is not a fair, ethical or Democratic way to hold elections. In Ohio it has always been the representatives who choose their voters. It is way overdue for the voters to be given the democratic right and mode to elect those we really want as our representatives.

I ask you to create diverse, general population clusters/districts that will assure voters that candidates address our issues and not just the party ideologies. You have the obligation to promote the conduct of democratic elections. You have the duty to promote the expression of the will of the people.

Thank you for considering my heart felt concerns, Joseph M. Cumo