

I am from Northeast Ohio and I vote in every election. I care deeply about fair maps, because I do not think it is good for our democracy when politicians of any party manipulate voting maps to keep themselves and their party in power. In Ohio recently, gerrymandered districts have not reflected the proportional affiliations of the voters in a fair manner. This needs to be corrected in accord with the Ohio Constitution.

I also want to say that in the setting of the surging Delta pandemic, with Delta far more aggressively infectious than its predecessors, these hearing should have a zoom option or ideally be all "virtual". This is a matter of social responsibility. Please make this happen immediately. I would like to be able to testify electronically, so there could be some give and take.

Please keep redistricting fair, transparent, non-discriminatory, politically impartial, and fully compliant with the current re-districting rules.

We need mapmakers to fulfill the promise of the redistricting reforms placed into the Ohio Constitution. The process should be transparent, open, and bipartisan. Maps should serve the voters - not the political interests of parties or candidates.