

I live in the 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional district with Anthony Gonzalez as my Congressional representative. Matt Dolan is my State Senator and Tom Patton my State Representative.

The Congressional district winds its way from grabbing parts of southwest Cuyahoga suburbs moving south picking up strategic pieces of Medina, parts of Summit careful to skirt around Akron, parts of Portage, parts of Stark while avoiding Massillon and Canton proper and including all of Wayne county. The map looks like a cubist nightmare of a gunman.

The 16<sup>th</sup> before 2010 didn't have pieces of Cuyahoga County or Summit but was made up of a solid block of all of Portage and Stark (including Massillon and Canton) and a big chunk of Ashland. Now it cracks up the suburbs of Cuyahoga and Portage and crams pieces of them into what the 16<sup>th</sup> district while removing large chunks of Massillon and Canton proper.

The changes in 2010 were also egregious elsewhere in the state: the Snake of Ohio 9, the Duck of Ohio 4, the cracked and packed Ohio 11 or the Rorschach Ohio 03.

Drawn in secret with backroom deals, the 2010 the congressional maps are an abomination. Democrats were pushed to trade for safety in Congressional races in districts 3, 4, 9 and 11. The result in 2016, the Ohio 11<sup>th</sup> had a 60.5% margin of victory and the CLOSEST Congressional race had an 18.4 margin. Statewide races were much closer. In essence, the candidates picked their voters.

The Ohio House and Senate maps are no better. They were drawn specifically to create Republican majorities and supermajorities and guaranteed lopsided elections in most districts. The 2010 redistricting left over 70% of Ohio voters so disgusted they resorted to a statewide vote to force redistricting to be fairer to all. The state house maps are so unrepresentative of voters that the majority party does not feel they have to respond to the HB6 scandal because they have picked their voters.

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2021/05/10/ohio-householder-prosecution-top-state-political-corruption-hb-6/4922865001/>

What I will be watching for through this process is a transparent, respectful process that passes maps for 10 years by getting the buy in of the majority and the majority of the minority in the State House while adhering to the new redistricting rules.

A four-year map is a failed process. A four-year map represents the majority arguing for the status quo and getting their way because for four more years because they have already gerrymandered a majority and want it to continue. A four-year map will require a lengthy court process as it will be challenged because it will still be gerrymandered.

You are also already off to a terrible start on transparency by not sharing documents with the public and are being sued over it. Share the information with us, your constituents.

<https://www.stateneews.org/government-politics/2021-07-09/lawsuit-filed-over-lack-of-accountability-in-redistricting-process>

You have also scheduled all of your public input sessions during the work day to limit in-person participation and don't even have a session in Columbus. Do better. Take input from redistricting experts and constituents.

Do the people's business, in public with transparency. We want 10-year non-gerrymandered maps out of this process. It should not allow a small majority of votes to guarantee large majorities of the seats representing Ohio in Congress or at the Ohio State House.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

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