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Hello, my name is Wendy Dyer, I live at 3813 Callaway Court, Bellbrook, Ohio. Ohio House District 73/Senate District 10/Congressional District 10.

My comments are short, because most of what I had to say has already been said more eloquently by someone else. However, I do want to re-iterate one point.

In the last 6 years, Ohioans have twice voted overwhelmingly to end partisan gerrymandering. The first time in November 2015 with 71% of the vote, the second time in May of 2018 with 75% of the vote. I realize that neither of these Constitutional Amendments talked about gerrymandering; they set up this commission and made rules about the process of redistricting. However, every person in this room knows that we, Ohio Voters, were voting to end gerrymandering and thus provide fair representation to all Ohioans.

As our elected officials, you must draw districts using the process defined in the Ohio Constitution. You also must draw districts that are fair, as the voters intended. You should not be looking to find ways to get around the rules, you should not be looking for loopholes, you

should not be looking for ways to provide safe seats for your political allies, you should not be planning to do this again in 4 years. The voters have spoken, twice, your duty, loyalty, and responsibility must be to the citizens of Ohio, not your parties, not your donors, and not a bunch of corporations.