

Testimony on Redistricting

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Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Committee Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony on redistricting.

Ohio needs new congressional maps. Our districts are gerrymandered to the point that the voices of voters simply cannot be heard. We need new maps that fairly and accurately represent the people who live in them. We need districts that allow the voices of voters to be heard.

Voter engagement is low in part because people believe that their votes don't matter. Sadly, they're often correct. Our districts have been fractured in such a way that people's votes don't really count and their voices aren't heard. We need fair districts that empower voters to participate in the democratic process. We need candidates to be fairly elected by the voters so that all of our interests are represented at the Statehouse.

Thank you.