

To the Ohio Redistricting Commission

My name is Maya Fischhoff and I live in Ada, Ohio.

I am here as a voter, as a member of my community, as a volunteer, and as a small business owner.

In all these roles, my wish is the same: For fair electoral districts that allow every citizen to have an equal voice in the political process.

I believe that this goal will be best achieved by following the recommendations of the League of Women Voters – which were overwhelmingly endorsed by Ohio voters in 2015 and 2018.

Redistricting should be fair, transparent, and politically impartial.

Here's what that means to me: Races would be competitive, instead of having the outcome pre-determined due to non-competitive districts. Elected officials would need to articulate and defend their positions to voters. They'd need to communicate regularly with the people who elected them.

Getting into office should be hard. There's no more important position in our democracy than that of elected official. Making it a cake walk, with districts pre-determined to go to Republicans or Democrats, doesn't benefit anyone.

I've collected petitions and argued every which way to Sunday that Fair Districts are important. Now, the decision is in your hands. Please carry out the trust that Ohio's voters have placed in you, and set our State on a positive course.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

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