

Fair Districts Testimony of F. Mark Laskovics – 12 Sep 2021 – Dayton

Dear Speaker Robert R. Cupp and Senator Vernon Sykes,

I am F. Mark Laskovics and I live in Montgomery, Ohio; a Northeast suburb of Cincinnati. I am in the Ohio 28th House District, Ohio Senate District 8, and the 1st US Congressional District, all created by gerrymandering.

Creating FAIR voting districts is one of the most important activities going on within Ohio at this time. Fair Voting Districts will guarantee public participation in our Democracy. Frankly, the current level of gerrymandering has disenfranchised Ohio voters. To date, this Commission has not given me faith in the process that you are managing. I am very displeased with this Commission intentionally limiting access to the public by starting voting-district activities late and by doing the absolute minimum to limited participation by the public.

I am not a voting-district expert so I want to hear from an independent third party on proposed voting districts and WHY they are fair districts. Then I want to see an independent third party created Fair-Voting District Map endorsed by this commission to get it established in Ohio. The citizens of Ohio deserve better. Our democracy is too precious to do anything less.

Sincerely,

F. Mark Laskovics