

Ohio Redistricting Commission

September 13, 2021

Dear Co-chairs, and other members of the Commission,

I was hoping to be giving this testimony in person, but my grandmother's duties were called upon, I will be taking care of an ill grandchild.

May I first state that I understand that this honor you have been appointed to is not an easy task. In watching the hearings, there are many resources available and many who can help in this journey to support democracy, If you choose to listen. The final choice will be yours.

What is simple is that this process should not and cannot be about political parties. What is before you is the sanction and protection of our greatest right of freedom and liberty, the right for every person's voice to be heard when they vote. It is on you, this heavy honor to protect those rights and put political parties aside. (That is for Democrats and Republicans.)

I reviewed the maps that are available, read the rules/laws, and listened to the hearings. It seems the general impression is that this commission's proposed map leans toward the Republican party's advantage. There was also a vote of 5-2 by party lines. Further concern is that this commission is willing to "pass the responsibility on" in four years instead of doing the work for a 10-year map. I appreciate that Covid 19 and the delay of census information have added to the pressure on this commission to get the maps completed. But once again you have many resources available, these resources have been working at these maps and data longer than the commission has been able to.

At the start of the 09/12 meeting, Secretary LaRose spoke of 9/11/01 and how we need to come together. I hope and pray this is what will happen for the final redistricting map. Once again this is a great honor that you are tasked with; to project democracy, not one's party, and protect the voice of every Ohioan, Republican, Independent, or Democratic. As you know, democracy is the people choosing their representation, not the other way around.

I put my trust and faith in your honor, integrity, and love for this state and country to put fairness, people, and democracy first.

Sincerely,



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