

September 12, 2021

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I respectfully ask you to consider my written testimony on the new Ohio redistricting maps. I am concerned that, for previous redistricting meetings, you did not provide after-work meetings nor required people to wear masks, even though they were held indoors. Consequently, I've chosen not to put my health at risk or to take vacation from work, and am submitting my testimony in writing.

The maps released by the Republican-majority redistricting committee ignore the voter trends of the State of Ohio and do not reflect representational fairness, compact districts, or fair minority representation. **Ohio's average map-wide Democratic two-party share is 46.38% and the Republican share is 53.62%, based on the statewide vote over the past decade.**

Based on this statistic, a proportional share in the **Ohio House should have 46 Democratic-leaning districts and 53 Republican-leaning districts.** The proposed map has only 32 Democratic-leaning districts and 67 Republican-leaning districts, which translates into 32.32% Democratic vs 67.67% Republican – a far cry from the voting trends we are seeing within the state.

A proportional share in the **Ohio Senate should have 15 Democratic-leaning seats and 18 Republican-leaning seats.** The likely outcome of the proposed map appears to be 10 Democratic seats and 23 Republican seats, amounting to a 30.3% Democratic share and 69.69% Republican share.

The proposed map is unacceptable and is a clear sign that a Republican-led state continues to gerrymander our districts to intentionally misrepresent and stifle the will of the people.

I am asking the committee to consider other maps that have been proposed to more accurately represent Ohio's voters, and to reject this unfair map.

Sincerely,



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