

## Testimony

Dear Redistricting Committee:

My question for this committee is: Do each of you honestly **want** fair maps? Out of the 132 seats across both chambers Republicans hold 90 seats while Democrats hold 42. Republicans hold more than double those of the Democrats. Since Ohioans have voted for Democrats around 45% vs. around 55% Republican in recent elections, our current map is clearly unfair. Republicans **should not** have more than twice the representation in Ohio with these facts. Do you all agree?

I do not agree with the Medina County split north to south in the House Districts GOP presented official maps. I prefer either the Ohio Citizen Redistricting Commission House map (which divides Medina east to west keeping all cities intact) or the Geoff Wise House map which keeps Medina County whole. There is no reason to split Medina County except to dilute votes.

President Cupp shared that he did not analyze how the districts on his map broke down proportionally in regard to gerrymandering. This revelation is upsetting to me since the map was tardy and drawn up without transparency. But even more alarming is the fact that analysis shows that this new map will probably produce an even a higher ratio of Republicans than our current map. This map is **unacceptable** to the will of Ohioans.

I, along with numerous others, worked hundreds of hours gathering signatures **to prove to lawmakers** that Ohioans wanted **fair districts**. This was made clear in 2015 as well as 2018 with over 70% of voters.

Now is the time for OH legislators to **live up to the will of the people** and create fair, nondiscriminatory, and politically impartial maps in a **transparent collaborative process**. **Please** do what you have been elected to do.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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