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Commissioners:

I am a retired advanced practice nurse. I live in Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio. I am one of those people who gathered signatures for Issue One. When I look at a map of Ohio districts, half of my community is included with a geographic area to the east with much less relevance than half of the area to the west which includes the City of Hamilton and the City of Fairfield. The Ohio Congressional boundaries definitely do not keep Middletown and Hamilton whole.

The commission and I have a duty to the public in common. As a nurse, my obligation is to help my patients attain the highest level of health possible and at the very least, to do no harm. The Commission is charged with a similar duty in drawing districts: to keep communities whole and to ensure that no harm is done to the fair representation of Ohio citizens.

I am asking the map makers to keep the promise of following the redistricting reforms now in the Ohio constitution to keep communities whole through a fair, transparent, non discriminatory and politically impartial process that includes everyone's voice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Elizabeth Earle  
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