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Good morning, members of the Ohio Bipartisan Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for the work you are doing on this critical task of improving how Ohio's citizens are represented. I attended the public meeting in Dayton at Sinclair Community College, and again last Sunday evening at the Washington Twp Rec Center in Centerville, and was impressed by the amount of work and heart that went into the many hours of testimony.

Please adopt a map that optimizes proportional representation, competitiveness, and minority representation while meeting all of the requirements of the Ohio Constitution. The original map published by the Commission last Thursday does *not* meet that requirement. I recognize that there is no such thing as a "perfect" map, but there is a "best for all" map. Other maps were submitted for consideration which would be better for Ohio.

For the Assembly districts, the Wise map has the best mix of competitiveness (the most districts truly in play), proportional representation, and minority representation, but the Padmanabhan map, the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission map, and the Democratic Caucus map are also worth considering. The Rossi map may be compact, but is terrible in terms of proportional representation and competitiveness.

For the Senate districts, please consider a form of the maps submitted by Wise, the Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission, or the Democratic Caucus. The Padmanabhan map would be OK except for Kettering and Centerville being attached to Greene County, which I don't see working well. Those two communities should remain largely in Montgomery County. The Rossi Map is unacceptable both from a statewide perspective and my own. First-tier suburbs like Kettering (my community) and Oakwood have not much in common with the rural communities like Germantown and Farmersville. This is not as bad, however, as what was done with urban/suburban Dayton and Trotwood, pulling them out of the rest of Montgomery County, away from their historic surrounding communities and attaching them to all of the rural townships and counties to the Indiana border.

I attended these meetings because I am weary from decades of feeling like my voice and concerns are discounted by representatives who do not need my vote to be re-elected. I am tired of seeing Ohio legislators turn our state into an embarrassment with extreme statements and legislation that hurt more than help us. This happens when we have gerrymandered districts, when there is no reason to accommodate alternate views or concerns. The polarization is literally killing us. I know we can do so much better. I ask you all to please take our concerns to heart and follow both the spirit and the letter of Ohio Constitutional Law.

Thank you!

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