My Name is Daisie Reish,

I would like to thank Chairman Coley and the members of this committee for allowing me to express my disgust for Gerrymandering and Resolution 5.

I live in Grafton, Ohio I want you to know how unfair GERRYMANDERING affects me personally:

1. I need to travel 1 1/2 hours to see my congress person

2. My representative is a former pig farmer. Please tell me how he can relate to me as an accountant in a suburban area.

3. When I first moved to my area I put my zip code in the state data base to find my representative and was given the wrong person. It took me months before someone at that office finally informed me I was calling the wrong representative.

4. My democratic vote has been taken away from me when gerrymandering dictates which political party will win by gerrymandering with computer algorithms

5. My small town has been split in 3 different areas and don’t you think my neighbors and I have more in common than pig farmer.

Other people at this hearing will inform you what is wrong with Resolution 5 which makes the gerrymandering even worse than the present system. But I would like to add one more thing, 60% of all voters are Independents in the state of Ohio and they usually don’t vote in primaries. I hope this does not pass but if it does it will be placed on the ballot in May when most Independents don’t vote. Again the democrat process is being jeopardized.

Solution:

As I was getting signatures for the Fair District Petition at a local college I was told by several young people that this whole problem could be solved by a computer software package that already exist. They just couldn’t understand why this is not being done. The young people in this state understand this and if you don’t change you will lose the next generation.

All the law makers have to do is let this software do the job for them which would take the politics out of the redistricting. Of course this would make too much sense for our law makers.

If this passes I will continue work with the Fair District to get their petition on the ballot in November.