

Testimony for Fair Congressional Districts before The Ohio Senate Local Government and Elections Committee by Mike Halaiko on November 8, 2021

Chairperson Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and Members of The Ohio Senate Local Government and Elections Committee,

My name is Mike Halaiko, a resident of Pickerington, Ohio, and a lifetime, retired Educator. I come before you today to again urge and demand that you live up to your oaths as Ohio Representatives and follow the letter and spirit of The Ohio Constitution, in creating Fair Maps, that ensure that all of our votes count.

There are many more voters that have worked tirelessly in the last decade, and even longer, for fairness of district maps, at all levels, and you must not turn your backs on them, and ignore the overwhelming will of the voters, that have presented you with the mandate to create maps that will be honest and fair.

Voter suppression through partisan gerrymandering is the death knell of any hope for democracy.

Please rise above any baser desires to maintain power and create fair maps that insure a more just, more representative government.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify, and I welcome your questions.

Sincerely and urgently,

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