

Hi Senator Gavarone,

I am submitting my written testimony for SB258 and SB237. Thank you so much for your consideration. Please let me know if there are additional materials I need to submit.

Chairwoman Gavarone, Vicechair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony. My name is Audry Alabiso and I am a concerned citizen from Sagamore Hills Ohio. In 2017 I worked to collect signatures as part of Fair Districts Ohio to amend the Ohio constitution to create a process that would create fair, representative congressional districts. A modified version of the proposed bill was voted on by the citizens of Ohio in 2018 and the Constitution was amended. After reviewing the proposed maps in Senate Bill 258 and Senate Bill 237, I am strongly opposed to the map produced in SB258 and support the adoption of the map in SB237.

I feel that the demands of the people were not taken into account when producing the maps in SB258. A specific criticism that I will make is that the proposed Senate map in this bill will break my school district, the Nordonia School District, into two separate congressional districts: Districts 7 and 14. Communities should be kept together and this map violates that. We also see that district 14 straddles Cuyahoga and Summit counties and is connected by two precincts. It is barely contiguous and not at all compact.

I ask that you reject this map and consider the map in SB 237, where all of Summit county is placed in one district.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony.
Audry Alabiso