

Co-Chairs and Members of the Senate Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Julia Cattaneo. I live in Columbus Ohio and have family members in Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati as well as other communities in this state. Family is the main reason I moved back to Ohio from Pennsylvania. Family is also the reason a Fair Map with Fair Districts, a map without gerrymandering, is so important to me. The second is that I believe in the Republic of America and our democratic process.

After reviewing all the maps that were before the Joint Committee I strongly oppose SB258. I find SB237 a map I could support. I feel SB237 best reflects the true voting percentage of Ohioans and respect for communities. Although I still feel all "parties" involved in this process should be more transparent, with better communication to the citizens of Ohio.

In reviewing these maps my focus per map is county and community divisions. I did not review other fair maps that may have been presented by individuals with no political party loyalties.

still gerrymandered R/D R/D
New map still un-fair - 13/2 - not 55/45
SB258 - fails Ohioans and was given an "F" rating by the Princeton University
Gerrymandering Project.

- Toledo is an island in its district 9, with no land connecting the rest of District 9.
- Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati with their Counties - divided into 3 districts.

SB237 - a fair map for Ohioans and their communities, and is my favorite

- Toledo and Lucas - 1 district
- Cleveland, Columbus, and their counties - divided 2 districts each
- Cincinnati area 1 district and the county divided 2 districts

SB258 seems to be a deliberate effort to limit invested representation by dividing up communities. This makes me wonder if the lack of transparency and difficulty getting information is also deliberate.

Please consider my testimony carefully. I ask you to honor the responsibility you have been given and protect our democracy. Please show you have integrity, honesty, and respect for the Ohio Constitution and Ohioans. To respect "We the People" and NOT "We the Party". Do not settle for anything less than a fair, representative map. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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