Thank you Chair Coley,

I’m Carolyn Harding, Concerned citizen and co-organizer of the local grassroots organization, the Columbus Community Bill of Rights (ColumbusBillofRights.org).

Fair is Fair —

Ohioans demand fair play:

In our classrooms;

In Sports;

In Business; and

right now Ohio citizens demand that you, our representatives, listen to them, hear them and ensure that our districts are not biased In any way - that our Congressional districts are fair now and for the duration of this district map.

Our country has never been more divided.  You have the golden opportunity to listen to the People, to mapping professionals, and learn from all the states who are currently dealing with gerrymandering censures, and either adopt the language of the Fair Districts=Fair Elections amendment or to work closely with the creators of this amendment to create truly Fair Districts for All Ohioans.

You have the opportunity to Do the Right Thing:  Not the Party thing; not your Financial Donors’ thing; Not the Quick Fix thing.

Do the Right thing for the People of Ohio.  History and Ohio Citizens will hold you accountable for this.

Our State needs Fair Districts to ensure Liberty and Justice for All.