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**H. R. No. 584**

**Representatives Russo, Upchurch**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Jarrells, Humphrey, Mohamed, Piccolantonio,  
Brown, Miller, A., Liston, Abdullahi, Somani, Skindell, Brennan, Dell'Aquila,  
Sweeney, Brewer, Robinson, Brent, Troy, Isaacsohn, Thomas, C., Denson, Baker,  
Whitted, Sims, Weinstein, Grim, Rogers, Miller, J., McNally, Blackshear**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To express the Ohio House of Representatives' 1  
support for the Citizens Not Politicians–Citizens 2  
Redistricting Commission Initiative, which would 3  
transfer the power of drawing legislative and 4  
congressional maps from politicians and lobbyists 5  
to the citizens of Ohio; to address the problems, 6  
risks, and political extremism of politician-led 7  
gerrymandering that undermines fair 8  
representation; and to encourage Ohioans to 9  
support the measure for a freer, more democratic 10  
state. 11

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The drawing of legislative and congressional maps, 12  
or the redistricting process, has historically been controlled 13  
by politicians and lobbyists, leading to districts that serve 14  
political interests rather than the people of Ohio; and 15

WHEREAS, Extreme gerrymandering prevents Ohioans from 16

having the fair representation they deserve, allowing 17  
politicians to manipulate and rig district boundaries to secure 18  
their own power and diminish the influence of individual voters; 19  
and 20

WHEREAS, Rigged districts distort our democracy, making it 21  
more difficult for voters to hold their elected officials 22  
accountable and reducing the overall impact of each citizen's 23  
vote; and 24

WHEREAS, Gerrymandering takes power away from the people of 25  
Ohio, allowing representatives to choose their voters rather 26  
than voters choosing their representatives, thereby undermining 27  
the foundational principles of free and fair elections that 28  
produce democratic governance; and 29

WHEREAS, The Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative 30  
proposes a more transparent and fair process by placing the 31  
responsibility of redistricting in the hands of an independent 32  
commission composed of Ohio citizens, rather than politicians 33  
and lobbyists; and 34

WHEREAS, The Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative 35  
seeks to create legislative and congressional maps that reflect 36  
the true will of the people, ensuring that every Ohioan's vote 37  
carries equal weight in determining their representation; and 38

WHEREAS, Empowering citizens to be a part of the 39  
redistricting process will strengthen Ohio's democracy, enhance 40  
the integrity of our elections, and restore trust in our 41  
political system; now therefore be it 42

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 43  
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 44  
Ohio, conclude that the Citizens Not Politicians—Citizens 45  
Redistricting Commission Initiative serves the best interests of 46  
the people of Ohio, will bring fairness and transparency to the 47

redistricting process, and will protect the fundamental right of 48  
Ohioans to have a meaningful and impactful vote; and be it 49  
further 50

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 51  
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 52  
Ohio, urge the people of the State of Ohio to support the 53  
Citizens Not Politicians–Citizens Redistricting Commission 54  
Initiative, thereby ensuring fair representation, preserving the 55  
health of our democracy, and empowering all citizens to have a 56  
voice in the governance of our state; and be it further 57

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 58  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 59  
Governor and to the news media of Ohio. 60