Want to make sure your vote for Congress counts?  
Vote YES on Issue 1!

Our congressional districts are manipulated to unfairly favor parties or candidates, taking away citizens’ voices in their government and insulating politicians from criticism.

It’s called gerrymandering, and it even makes it possible for a party that gets fewer votes to win more seats:

![Gerrymandering Diagram](image)

Ohio has some of the most gerrymandered districts in the country. This means less accountability to you, the voter:

- **Not one** of Ohio’s 16 congressional districts has changed parties since 2012
- Politicians guaranteed re-election who **don’t have to work to earn your vote**
- **More polarization and gridlock** as politicians cater to the extremes of their party
- Districts that **cut through communities** like the “snake along the lake,” a narrow strip along Lake Erie from Cleveland to Toledo

Want to see **fair districts** and **fair elections** instead of gerrymandering?

**This May 8, vote YES on Issue 1**

Learn more and get involved at fairdistricts ohio.org

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Issue 1 is a proposal to end politicians picking their voters, supported by both parties.

Currently state legislators draw Ohio's congressional districts, letting them protect their party's interests instead of voters.

"Yes" on Issue 1 requires bipartisan support for 10-year congressional maps - this means politicians can't refuse to compromise.

The process also has to be transparent, with public hearings and the ability for anyone to submit their idea for a map.

If the parties can't agree, the majority has to abide by strict rules - no slicing and dicing counties or drawing districts to favor a party or candidate.

Issue 1 passed the legislature 114 to 10, overcoming the partisan gridlock that leads to inaction on so many issues and showing the importance of reform.

Fair congressional districts ensure voters' voices count and make it possible to hold politicians accountable.

Vote YES on Issue 1 this May 8!