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TO: Representative William G. Batchelder
Representative Vernon Sykes
Co-Chairs Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

FROM: Frederick E. Mills
Chair, Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee

DATE: October 14, 2013

RE: Committee Report

The Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission met on Thursday October 10, 2013 with a quorum of members present.

The Committee heard a presentation from Ms. Linda Jacobson of the Legislative Service Commission with regard to Guiding Principles of Redistricting and Reapportionment. The Committee also heard from Senator Frank LaRose, sponsor of SJR 3 of the current General Assembly. The Senator was speaking on behalf of himself and Senator Sawyer (D-Akron) concerning their attempt to amend the current Ohio apportionment and redistricting process.

The Committee also continued its deliberations on a point-by-point basis comparing the current Constitutional model with SJR 3 and Representative Sykes' draft proposal (LSC 130 1364-1). There was Committee consensus on two decisions. One, that any recommended change of the Constitutional Apportionment and Redistricting process should contain a single body that will perform for both legislative districts and congressional districts. In addition, the Committee agreed that the newly created Commission should be required to pass new maps with at least one minority vote and a super majority decision.

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The meeting was adjourned with agreement that the Committee will meet again on November 14, the next scheduled Commission meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,

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