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Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission  
Committee on the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch  
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Thank you for this opportunity to share the League's thoughts with you.

In the wake of the bi-partisan agreement on reforming how General Assembly districts should be drawn in the future, one redistricting reform task remains undone – addressing how Congressional districts are drawn. The task is important because current Congressional districts are more highly gerrymandered than General Assembly districts.

A good reform proposal need meet only a few simple goals. A reform measure should provide for strong input from both political parties in drawing maps. Ohio voters are relatively evenly split between the two major parties, and generally speaking, its General Assembly and Congressional delegations should reflect those political choices. The districts should also be drawn to provide voters choices in general elections and to have geographical shapes and boundaries that make sense to voters.

HJR 2 addresses these objectives. The same process has been accepted by large majorities in both the Ohio House and Ohio Senate for General Assembly districts. HJR 2 provides an already understood and accepted method for drawing districts and the League urges this committee to adopt it and send it to the full Commission for its approval.

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