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Dear [Insert Name].

2024 is a big voting year for Ohio; not only will we have consequential races for the presidency and Senate, it's the year we finally have the chance to end gerrymandering in the Buckeye state. For good.

The <u>Citizens Not Politicians Amendment</u> is expected to be on the ballot in 2024. The proposed amendment would create a new way of drawing maps for congressional and state voting districts. It would remove politicians from the process, putting the power into the hands of Ohio citizens.

Ohioans overwhelmingly support fair districts. In 2015 and 2018, we voted for reforms meant to end the gerrymandering that favors politicians over the people. Over 70% of us in all 88 counties voted for constitutional amendments that would enshrine new rules to guide district map-making, mandating the process be bipartisan, transparent, and public.

But Ohio politicians have broken the rules of these amendments. They have made it clear that they should have no part in mapmaking, proving over and over again that they cannot be trusted to put voters before themselves.

We have seen a renewed interest in redistricting since the epic failures of the Ohio Redistricting Commission that began in 2020, and especially since the Special Election in August. As a result, <u>Fair Districts Ohio</u> has developed a speakers bureau of experts that can speak at events on both gerrymandering and the Citizens Not Politicians Amendment.

As a member of the speakers bureau, I wanted to connect with you to let you know I am available to do a virtual presentation via Zoom or join you and your group for a live event. The presentation can be anywhere from five to thirty minutes, depending on your needs; I'm happy to answer any audience questions, as well.