



OEA TALKING POINTS:

Yes on Issue #1 – Defeat Gerrymandering

OEA has endorsed Issue #1 - Citizens Not Politicians (CNP) ballot measure because when passed, it will support Ohio Educators.

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- In Ohio currently, politicians pick their voters by drawing legislative districts that guarantee electoral victory by creating districts that are hyper-partisan for both Democrats and Republicans.
- This allows politicians to pursue extreme agendas and enable radicals to be elected that do not represent all the members of their legislative districts.
- These radical agendas include attacking public schools, passing voucher expansion, failing to fairly fund schools, proposing curriculum changes, stripping powers from the State Board of Education, de-professionalizing the teaching profession, attacking collective bargaining rights, and pitting parents against educators to control the political narrative. They are not concerned with what their constituents want.
- This measure is a nonpartisan solution by Ohioans for Ohioans to end partisan gerrymandering by taking politicians out of the process of drawing their districts.
- Currently, politicians & lobbyists draw districts to guarantee re-election.
- This creates ridiculous voting districts where politicians pick their voters instead of voters picking their politicians.
- Ohio is currently one of the most gerrymandered states in America. This results in extremist initiatives like SJR 2 (Issue 1 in August 2023) and SB 83 (Higher Ed Collective bargaining attack) that are unpopular and created to take away fundamental rights of everyday Ohioans.
- The Ohio Supreme Court ruled multiple times that Ohio's gerrymandered maps violated constitutional provisions. Now, the former Republican Chief Justice, Maureen O'Connor, chairs the CNP campaign to end partisan redistricting.

Yes on Issue #1 will allow:

- Voters to draw the lines, not politicians.
- Voters hold politicians accountable when they do not prioritize the people's best interests.
- Fair districts will hold our elected officials accountable for our needs and not the needs of deep-pocketed special interests.
- Educators to have real, bi-partisan partners in the Ohio General Assembly and Congress to work on legislation to strengthen and protect public education and collective bargaining rights.
- Creates a 15-person commission to draw the lines for legislative districts = 5 Republicans, 5 Democrats, 5 Independent/Unaffiliated Voters.
- The application process to be on the commission will exclude elected officials and lobbyists.

