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Ohio Steelworkers: Let's Rally for Fair Representation

For decades, Ohio politicians and legislators have participated in the undemocratic practice of gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is a process that manipulates voting district boundaries to enhance the power and interest of a political party without regard for voters' rights. Put simply, voters often don't get to choose their representatives while politicians select their voters. This always leads to an imbalance and is a necessity to change for Ohio citizens.

Earlier this year, we sent an InfoAlert (http://usw.to/4xj) letting you know about The Citizens Not Politicians Amendment. Its goal is to end gerrymandering and draw fair legislative districts by creating an Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission. The amendment bans political officials and lobbyists from joining the commission and makes designing voting districts that favor or discriminate against political groups or politicians unconstitutional. By taking action, The Citizens Not Politicians Amendment will end gerrymandering and make drawing district boundaries a transparent process that fosters fair representation.

Ohioans, join us at a rally against gerrymandering!

On **Monday, July 1**, Ohioans are rallying at the **Ohio Statehouse Atrium** to deliver signatures that will put the Citizens Not Politicians Amendment on the ballot for the November General Election. It is important to show your USW pride by wearing t-shirts, hats, and buttons to display our commitment to building power for working people.

Please RSVP for the rally by clicking <u>HERE</u> (http://usw.to/4LL) or scanning the QR code. The doors open at **11:00am** and the rally begins at **Noon** and lasts until **1:00pm**. Please make sure you arrive early to allow time to get through security.



Help us right the wrongs caused by unfair voting maps and give the power to choose our representatives back to the Ohio people. Stay tuned to Rapid Response for other potential actions to ensure everyone receives fair representation.

For additional information, please contact District 1 Rapid Response Coordinator, Sue Browne at sbrowne@usw.org or 269 - 838 - 5956.