

## LWVMI'S Public Comments to Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission re: Promote the Vote Coalition

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Good morning, Commissioners.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Commission.

My name is Paula Bowman, Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, a 105-year old non-partisan organization.

The League is proud to be a member of the Promote the Vote Coalition which advocates for fair and equitable voting maps in Michigan.

As you have heard, the Coalition includes organizations such as Detroit Disability Power, Access, APIA Vote, Detroit Action, and the NAACP, among others, all of whom who are advocating for fair and equitable maps on behalf of their members.

Many of their members live in the Metro Detroit area and will be affected by how the Commission redraws the maps for House Districts 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 14.

Many of those residents have addressed the Commission about the maps and have submitted comments concerning their Communities of Interest.

They have spoken as individuals and as members of organizations that are part of the Promote the Vote coalition.

The League urges you to listen to them.