

OHIO APPORTIONMENT BOARD
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SAM BASSITT
ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Thank you for this opportunity to offer a few brief remarks at this hearing of the Ohio Apportionment Board on the Ohio State University Lima Campus. I am Allen County Commissioner Sam Bassitt.

I have been a resident of Allen County for over 60 years, and have represented the citizens of Allen County as a township Trustee for over 20 years, and as a county Commissioner for nearly 10 years. During all of those years it has been my privilege to work closely with our local elected Representatives and Senators.

The challenge of effective representation has, I believe, been met here in Allen County and our region of the state. In terms of the House of Representatives, the single county representative has been effective and served our citizens well. I believe the citizens of our 12 townships, our 8 villages, and our 2 cities, of Allen County have solid representation at the General Assembly. In terms of the Senate, the current configuration brings together the common interests of our strong agricultural community as well as our business and industrial economic interests.

In summary, I believe the current structure has served our county and our region with solid representation at the state level.