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Dear Colleagues,

We write with urgency to request that you not appeal today's decision of the U.S. District Court. The Court wants us to ensure that Ohioans have fair and constitutional congressional districts. These districts must be in place sooner rather than later and we should not interfere with this just decision.

Whether or not our current congressional map is unfair and unconstitutional is not in dispute. Virtually no one believes it to be a fair map. The egregiously gerrymandered districts are what drove the voters to approve a reform measure that eliminates the current mapmaking process and ensure fairer district lines. The Court has just given us the opportunity to start a little sooner than we expected.

We hope we can work together with the fairness, transparency and bipartisanship that we promised Ohioans when we asked them to vote on a congressional redistricting proposal. The voters overwhelmingly approved this measure we crafted. They want fair maps. Appealing this decision would fly in the face of the voters' clear demands.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you on this important task to give Ohioans the fair districts they deserve.

Respectfully,

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Rep. Emilia Sykes
House Minority Leader

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny Yuko".

Senator Kenny Yuko
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