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YOUR VIEW

A demand for congressional redistricting reform

Ohio's gerrymandered-into-office Republican legislators are ignoring Ohio voters' mandate to end gerrymandering.

They are failing to live up to their fiduciary responsibility. Could it be they don't know how to do it? They usually just pass ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) legislation already prepared for them by their corporate financial supporters, like the Koch Brothers.

It's time for Ohio's high school government classes, and college political science classes to assign

students a practical project, like redistricting Ohio fairly.

Whatever options and prototypes they come up with will be better than what we have now. And then I wonder if we might impeach legislators who refuse to act in the public interest.

Presidential elections provide statistics: The vote count for Democratic and Republican voters in Ohio is nearly the same and so we should have nearly an equal number of Democratic and Republican legislators in our state and in

our country's congressional House of Representatives.

We do not.

It is heavily weighted for Republicans by gerrymandering. Ohio needs to make it easier for citizens to qualify for office, to get on the ballot, to get media attention. We supposedly own the airwaves and we should make sure the public gets information about all the candidates, not just Democrats and Republicans.

Citizens should not be handicapped for not belonging to a party and non-affiliated voters should

be allowed to vote in any election, and should not be excluded from primary voting. It is time for us to fight for fair government in our state and in our country.

It is time for a voters' rebellion. Join public initiative groups and come up with public-will legislation to vote on. All American citizens should be automatically registered to vote. Do not let politicians off the hook. Write, legislate, vote and sue for justice if we must.

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