



Dear Redistricting Reform Supporter,

Thank you for your past support. We are writing to update you on our efforts to bring fair and responsible redistricting to Illinois.

It's no secret that Illinois' redistricting process is bad for our democracy. Incumbent politicians go behind closed doors and manipulate elections by drawing districts to benefit themselves first. As a result, a growing number of politicians run unopposed, voters feel like their voices don't count, and the hyper-polarization and gridlock drags on in Springfield.

In 2016, the Independent Maps campaign activated hundreds of thousands of voters and became only one of two citizen initiatives in over 30 years to collect enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot. Because of you, the initiative received near unanimous editorial support across the state. Polling showed that 70% of voters were prepared to vote "yes" on redistricting reform.

Building on the accomplishments and lessons learned from 2016, CHANGE Illinois (the Coalition for Honest and New Government Ethics) is proud to lead the way on redistricting reform efforts moving forward. CHANGE will continue to fight, in every way possible, to finish the job of fixing our broken redistricting system.

CHANGE is bringing together civic, business, professional, nonprofit, and philanthropic organizations and leaders to reenergize forces for fair voting maps in Illinois. In the lead-up to 2021 (the next time legislative maps will be drawn), we are exploring all options to improve our state's redistricting system, including filing litigation, passing legislation, and/or mounting another citizen petition.

While the journey to reform has been a long one, we will not give up or give in. We owe it to the thousands of people who volunteered, knocked on doors, hosted meetings, and made phone calls for reform to keep this effort moving forward. Changing our broken system will require continued public engagement and the sustained effort from a broad base of citizens. Your continued support is absolutely essential to this effort.

If you believe that we need to change the system and put the public interest ahead of political interest, please follow CHANGE Illinois on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and [sign-up for our news updates](#). For more information check out [our FAQs](#) or [visit our website](#).

Thanks for all that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ra Joy".

Ra Joy
Executive Director
CHANGE Illinois

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Cindi Canary
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