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TO: Representative William G. Batchelder
Representative Vernon Sykes
Co-Chairs Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

FROM: Frederick E. Mills
Chair, Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee

DATE: August 21, 2013

RE: Committee Report

The Legislative Branch and Executive Branch Committee of the Constitutional Modernization Commission met on August 8, 2013 for the third time. A quorum of members was present and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Making a presentation was Ann Henkener of the League of Women Voters who distributed materials including a “Citizens Guide to Redistricting” as produced by the Brennan Center for Justice. Ms. Henkener discussed the League’s position over the years with regard to redistricting including the League’s recent support for initiated Constitutional Amendment to alter redistricting in Ohio. Finally, a presentation was made by Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Ohio State University, Richard Gunther. Professor Gunther discussed various aspects of redistricting including representational fairness, competitiveness and community representation. The presentations by Ms. Henkener and Professor Gunther are available to members of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick E. Mills