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THIS WEEK IN COMMENTARY

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TOP COMMENTARY OF THE WEEK

Gerrymandered Ohio Republican lawmakers: afflicting the afflicted and comforting the comfortable

David DeWitt | *Ohio Capital Journal*



*Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman, R-Lima, speaks with reporters.
(Photo by Graham Stokes for Ohio Capital Journal)*

In the gerrymandered Ohio Statehouse, Republican supermajorities exercising unconstitutional, undue power have made an operating philosophy out of afflicting the afflicted and comforting the comfortable.

This past week has provided Ohioans prime examples of both.

The legislature needs a 60% supermajority support to override the governor. The only reason why Republican lawmakers control more than 60% of both the Ohio House and Ohio Senate is unconstitutional gerrymandering.

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