

Testimony to the New Hampshire Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee
HB50

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I object to the map of New Hampshire House districts passed by the House because it does not follow the this part of the New Hampshire Constitution:

[Art.] 11. [Small Towns; Representation by Districts.] When the population of any town or ward, according to the last federal census, is within a reasonable deviation from the ideal population for one or more representative seats, the town or ward shall have its own district of one or more representative seats.

Clearly the redistricting process is complex, and managing this constitutional requirement can be difficult. However, the Map-a-Thon project has shown that it is possible to meet this requirement for many more of the 56 towns that were denied their constitutional right by the House map.

I hope the Senate will amend the map to assure that more towns have their own representatives as stipulated by the New Hampshire Constitution.

I am submitting this written testimony because I can't get to Concord to testify in person. I wish your process had allowed remote testimony. I urge you to work on making the whole process more accessible and transparent.