

Testimony to the New Hampshire Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee
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I am appalled but not surprised to see that the redistricting map of the two New Hampshire Congressional Districts proposed by the Republicans in the House was passed by the House and is now to be considered by the Senate.

That map fulfilled the promise made by Steve Stepanek early on that Republican control of the legislature would guarantee that at least one of the districts could be manipulated to assure the election of a Republican. What we see is a seriously gerrymandered district that should not pass the “smell test” that the Governor says he will apply for approval. It is a huge departure from the entire history of such ricts in New Hampshire.

I hope the Senate will amend the map to assure the formation of two competitive districts that are compact. The map that passed in the House is an embarrassment to the citizens of New Hampshire.

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.