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**To:** James Gray; Regina Birdsell; Ruth Ward; Donna Soucy; Rebecca Perkins Kwoka; Tricia Melillo

Dear Chairman Gray and Members of the Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee:

NH Congressional maps based on the every 10 year census have changed very little between 1883 & 2011. During the last 140 years only 25 towns have shifted districts. Those maps -- drawn by Republicans kept the districts competitive.

I am extremely disheartened that the process by which Republicans have staged redistricting hearings were done in unmasked and in-person settings. This prevented many people like myself from testifying during the pandemic. Now the same tactics used at the beginning of the pandemic are being continued into the new legislative session. Be there or be square. No remote sessions. I know my legislators did not sign up to serve their districts without regard for their health.

By functioning in this way the legislators are able to throw out 140 years of making minor changes to districts, and manipulating the borders of 75 towns where 365,703 people reside. They are intent on retaining their power at the expense of splitting towns that have historically shared common services. There are many groups working on very fair and impartial maps and they are being ignored.

Sincerely,  
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