

Dear Special Committee Members,

I am writing to voice my support of the Republican drawn redistricting maps that just passed the House. I believe that the Republican map proposal has redistributed the large democrat leaning cities like Portsmouth, Durham and Dover to create one district that leans more Democrat, and one district that leans more Republican. This will give a stronger voice to those who do not live in the more populated areas of our great state. Both parties push each other to grow. Having one district lean Democrat and one lean Republican would create a more balanced view coming from New Hampshire. I think that the Republican map proposal will push both parties to rethink their campaign strategies to reach voters they wouldn't have with the Democratic proposal.

Additionally, the House's Congressional map kept more shared Police and Fire Departments, shared water and sewers systems, and regional planning areas together. As you know these are all services that rely heavily on federal funds and it is imperative they have a united voice. All of that being said, I am not a Democrat or Republican - just a freedom loving American! Thank you for your time!

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