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To all members of the Election Law Committee,

What is going with the proposed Senate district mapping? Four different senators from Cheshire Co? I understand that mapping is to be based on common interests, NOT on common politics! With that in mind, this is ridiculous! This is not even pretending to be fair! Once again, it is clear that the Republicans in the state of NH are seeking to choose their own voters rather than vice versa. In a word, this is cheating!

When I look carefully at this map, I see that the Democratic-leaning towns are all clumped in just one district and the Republican-leaning towns are spread into other districts to boost the Republican numbers in those other districts. The word for this? Gerrymandering!

In this map, we see that not only are county boundaries crossed but school districts are also disregarded. These areas of common interests must be united, not separated as in the current proposal! The proposed District 9 is insane! Our Cheshire County towns such as Hinsdale, Troy, and Fitzwilliam have virtually nothing in common with Bedford, NH! Why wouldn't these towns be linked with Swanzey where they share a school district? These southwestern NH towns are being left completely unrepresented in the NH Senate!

These convoluted districts are a classic example of gerrymandering. It does not allow for representative government! We need serious changes in this proposal. What we REALLY need is a non-partisan commission to develop fair districting, but in lieu of this, we need to rework this map allowing NH towns to be grouped by common county, school, and business interests so as to fairly represent each community.

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