

To NH Senators and Redistricting Committee Members,

New Hampshire has a long history of honoring people's right to choose their leadership, local as in towns, cities and counties, as well for state and national offices. People choose to reside here not only for our scenic and lifestyle opportunities, but for the longtime respect of individual choices, including our well respected election process.

Our two congressional districts, as well as counties and towns have traditionally been competitive, resulting in offices swinging back and forth between the parties, as determined by the VOTERS of New Hampshire.

When towns, counties and districts are competitive, the candidates from all parties have to work to attract the support of the voting public. They must explain their values, and the goals they bring to the particular office, i.e. the mayorship, legislature, executive council, etc. They have the chance to honestly debate their opponents. This is the democratic process that has held our state in good stead and has made New Hampshire a state where fairness has been the rule and not the exception!

The Redistricting Map offered by the Majority would move 75 towns and over 367,000 residents into a different district to openly lock in partisan control, thereby narrowing the voting public's choices. Other redistricting maps offered reflect the population changes with much less disruption and keep New Hampshire competitiveness in play. One such map moves only one (1) town to the other district!! Seems a simple solution.

Please reject the partisan Majority map and support New Hampshire's strong historic record of a fair electoral process, based on competition and variety of candidates and party offerings.

Thank you for your work, time and hopefully your devotion to **ALL** of New Hampshire's voters.

Respectfully submitted,
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