

Testimony — SB 241 — Executive Council Map

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

I was surprised to see that the 2020 map proposed in SB 241 is the same as the 2010 map, with District 2 snaking across the state in a clearly gerrymandered shape. One of the important tenets of fair redistricting is that the districts should be compact. District 2 is NOT compact.

Even Governor Sununu, when I asked a question of him on NHPR's Exchange program last March, gave this response about District 2: "Everyone could point to Executive Council district two. And I agree. That's got to be fixed. It's a weird one. It's like a snake lying across the middle of the state. Very bizarre."

I hope you will not submit this peculiar map to the Senate for a vote, especially knowing what the Governor has said about it. You might even be risking a veto if it passes. The map proposed by SB 254 does a better job of producing compact districts and would be a better map to present to the Senate.

The map proposed in SB 241 is unacceptable!

Sincerely,

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