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Dear Senate Election Law Committee Members;

I have lived in Keene for 32 years, but, as I grew up in the Chicago area, I know a lot about political chicanery and a lot about gerrymandering. The current Republican Party-proposed N.H. Senate redistricting map is an impressive piece of craven gerrymandering . . . and I thought Chicago machine politics were repugnant. I am disgusted by this display of brazen, undemocratic partisanship. Voters are supposed to choose their elected officials, not the other way around.

I implore committee members to do the right, honorable thing and propose a fair redistricting map, one with compact districts. I thought the Republican Party believed in the virtues of competition as opposed to government monopoly. Apparently, the current Republican Party is afraid of competition. Sad.

Hoping that "the fix is *not* in" and that there is still some degree of statesmanship in state government,
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