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Dear Committee Members

I do not approve of the majority-proposed new Senate redistricting.

Why?

The Fair Maps Coalition says about the proposed redistricting map:

- Initial analysis of the Republican drawn state senate maps shows the Senate Election Law Committee is continuing the trend of limiting the number of tossup districts and increasing the number of districts that lean or are solid Republican.
- Republicans gained two seats, Democrats kept the same number of seats, and the number of tossups decreased by two seats compared to the current maps.

"Tossup districts" should be maximized, not reduced!

Tossup districts are good for democracy because they create competition in the elections for the districts' seats, and this competition enhances the voters' influence on how their Senators vote when making policy.

Districts should be drawn - NOT to solidify party control - but to enlarge voter influence on the public policy legislated by the Senate (and the House).

Sincerely,

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