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Honorable Members of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting:

I am opposed to SB 240 & SB 241 on the grounds that both district maps are blatantly gerrymandered.

The problems began when the legislature determined that it was unnecessary to form and institutionalize an independent redistricting committee. Instead it was promised that the public would have input in the proceedings of bi-partisan committees of members of the House and Senate.

Public sessions were conducted, but it was obvious that, while committee members listened, they did not hear their constituents.

The most outrageous evidence of that was the pride members took in announcing the congressional districts were now fully balanced because each district belonged to one party — CD1 would be Republican and CD2 would be Democratic. This is the very essence of gerrymandering and while it has been practiced by both parties throughout the years, it must be stopped.

I urge you to vote instead for SB 253 and SB 254.

Respectfully,  
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