

ON REDISTRICTING MAPS
HB 50, HB 52

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

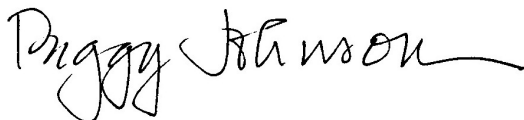
I believe redistricting is meant to address the changing of resident populations so that government is fair and representative of the people currently living in an area, as established by the census, and that any changes in districting are meant to be guided also by state regulations, and the local physical and school district boundaries.

Some of the new maps being proposed for New Hampshire communities seem serpentine, and overall this shifts the districts of more than a quarter of the state's population (365,000 of 1,360,000 people) into two awkward, partisan, and non-competitive districts. This looks and sounds like the definition of gerrymandering to me. It's a serious concern, and that's why I'm writing.

The decennial census is a great opportunity to make our House and Senate districts – and all representative government – more fair, more competitive, and more representative.

I believe that the maps generated by Map-a-Thon, Granite Staters Drawing Fair Voting Maps, are reasonable and workable, and I strongly urge you all and Governor Sununu to consider them, and adjust the new proposed maps accordingly.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,



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