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Subject: I strongly oppose HB52!!!

Dear Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee Members,

I very strongly oppose HB52!!!

I believe that BOTH of our Congressional districts should be fairly competitive.

We have a long tradition in NH of keeping these two districts competitive. In the 140 years we have had two districts, there have been only very minor changes each decennial to balance population shifts.

It is not in our democratic tradition to hand one district to one party and the other to the other party, in perpetuity. Where is the competition? Where is the need for either congressperson to be accountable and to work for ALL the people in his or her district?

This is also a way for extremists of either party to take hold.

Please reject this gerrymandered monstrosity that relocates 70 towns and more than one quarter of the state's population! This is NOT the New Hampshire Way!

Please support the Map-A-Thon map that very few towns and keeps counties together as much as possible. It also retains better representation in the North Country. This version also keeps BOTH districts competitive!

Thank you!
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