

Senator:

Please accept and post in the Senate public record, my public testimony opposing HB 52. My name is Corinne Dodge, and I live in Derry, NH.

I am writing to ask you to vote against the proposed House Redistricting Map (HB52). All NH Voters want our votes to count, and we want to be free to vote in a competitive district. This very partisan, non-competitive Congressional district map (HB 52) was drawn up and approved against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of NH citizens who showed up and testified at public hearings for the NH Special Redistricting Committee and the House Election Law Committee meetings. Both of these partisan groups blatantly ignored the will of the people. And now it comes to your committee for approval. Please listen to NH citizens instead of large donors of establishment political party leaders.

In drawing the new proposed Congressional map, Democratic voters were purposely “packed” into one district and Republican voters in the other, making legislators accountable only to political parties and big donors but not to their constituents. The proposed majority Congressional map is as unfair to Republican voters in District 2 as it is to Democratic voters in District 1, and all this so that the majority party will have an unfair advantage in winning elections for the next ten years. These non-competitive districts means that legislators do not have to be responsive to their constituents. A clear example of a gerrymandered map!

Please vote in opposition to HB 52.

Thank you

Corinne
Dodge