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New Hampshire has a proud legacy of non-partisan, independent thought. The current proposal for reconfiguring the NH Congressional districts puts that legacy at risk.

Republicans have put forth a plan they believe will elect a Republican to the US Congress in 2022. They propose massive changes to congressional districts, which have remained nearly the same for 140 years. Balancing the districts can be accomplished by moving 1 town. Republicans propose moving 75, impacting one quarter of NH's population. We don't have to guess at their motivation; NH GOP Chair Stepanek told us – *"... we control redistricting. I can stand here today and guarantee you that we will send a conservative Republican to Washington DC as a Congressperson in 2022."*

New Hampshire voters will not stand for this type of behavior; elections should be won or lost by the best candidate, regardless of party. Over the past 30 years, NH representation in Congress has changed between parties five times in each district. As Governor Sununu himself commented, *"It has to pass the smell test, right?"* he said. *"You know, when you have lines crossing all over the -- no, we're not doing any of that. We typically never have here in New Hampshire."*

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