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To: NH Senate Election Law Committee

We believe the redistricting map to be voted on on Monday, Jan. 10 at 1:00 pm does not represent the best interests of the people of Cheshire County, of Stoddard, or others in NH. We believe this map aligns towns by political party and not by common interests or county or school district affiliation

The two political parties must come together to develop one Senate Redistricting map in the the manner that a non-partisan commission might have done had that Democratic proposal been signed into law by Governor Sununu. That map would embrace the principle of compact areas defined by county boundaries and common interests, like commerce and school relationships, to provide the most representative government.

Taking Hancock and Peterborough from Hillsborough County and slicing narrow bands of tangentially connected towns across to Bedford and Nashua to preserve Senate seats held currently by Republican Senators creates a false picture of representation of the population. The same situation occurs with Stoddard and Marlow aligned with Charlestown and Dunbarton, crossing four counties and having little relationship to each other.

We urge you not to approve this gerrymandered Redistricting map but to begin again with a non-partisan committee so that the map truly reflects NH's population.

Please vote against this Redistricting proposal.

Thank you,

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