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Dear Committee members,

I have registered my stance on the following bills. Here is my written testimony on these bills. Thank you for your consideration.

SB 240 - apportioning state districts

I oppose this bill because the committee is continuing the trend of limiting the number of competitive districts and increasing the number of districts that either lean or are solidly Republican.

SB 241 - apportioning executive council districts

I oppose this bill because this map has not changed from the 2010 map. The 2010 map is widely cited as a gerrymandered map. Governor Sununu has cited this map as gerrymandered. This map ignores communities of interest and county borders. The rural voters in the western and mid section of District 2 have little in common with the needs of voters in the seacoast communities.

SB 253 - apportioning state senate districts

I am neutral on this bill. This map is more competitive than the map presented in SB 240, however, it does protect some incumbents and has some sprawling districts. This is counter to the goals of fair redistricting.

SB 254 - apportioning executive council districts

I support this bill because it creates competitive districts and it takes into account communities of interest and county borders.

Regards,
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