

ON REDISTRICTING

January 9, 2022

Dear Chairman Gray and Members of the Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs Committee:

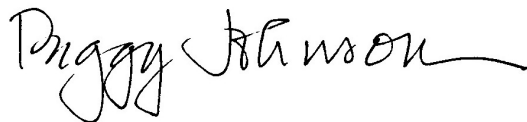
I believe redistricting is meant to address the changing of resident populations so that government is fair and representative of the people currently living in an area, and that any changes in districting are meant to be guided by data generated by the national decennial census, state regulations, and the local physical and school district boundaries.

Some of the new maps being proposed by the redistricting committee in Concord make me wonder. They fall more into the definition of gerrymandering than of fair representation.

While thinking about this rich opportunity to more fairly represent a population, what comes to mind is the spectacle a football match between the varsity team and the fifth graders: the results are predictable, but the entire game is a sham, and neither fair nor honorable.

I believe that the maps generated by Map-a-Thon, Granite Staters Drawing Fair Voting Maps, are far more reasonable and representative than the ones recently approved by Senate Election Law & Municipal Affairs committee, and I strongly urge you all and Governor Sununu to consider them.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

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