

Dear Sen. Gray and Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee,

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I have been a voter in NH elections since 1981 and don't think I have ever missed a November election. I live in a blatantly Gerrymandered Executive Council District that must be fixed. Also, my town of Gilmanton has three representatives, shared with other towns. Most voters are so confused that they cannot keep track of who their state rep. is! We have the population, 3600, that entitles us to our own rep., as we had several years ago. Since the district was redrawn, we have never had a rep from our town and we get ignored.

Having fair electoral districts is one of the most important issues. Does my vote matter? Does another party have an unfair advantage? Do we really have a system of one person-one vote where the votes carry equal weight. We do not want to have the system to be "rigged." We should have an independent non-partisan election redistricting commission like the one championed last year by my Senator Gray.

After studying the maps proposed by the republicans, the democrats, and the Map-a-thon group, I feel that the fairest maps were drawn by the Map-a-thon group, NOT the maps prepared by the Republican group.

Please support a fair democratic process that will build confidence and participation in our elections, for both voters and candidates. Back the Map-a-thon maps. Make us proud that in America, democracy means something.

Thank you,

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