

Dear Tricia and Honorable Members of the Election Law Committee,

I have signed in in opposition to SB 240 & SB 241 and in favor of SB 253 & 254. I have been following the debate over the redistricting plan for NH Exec Council and Senate, made possible by the analysis Of the Map-a-Thon (Granite Staters drawing fair voting maps) . I refer you to their analysis here [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ5kSAJ6Hv LtMKCSh-t-xz2gZvB3ssL i3D V2wvv9Ao2K3jx zmrBbG8ZEqQtA/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.g10106fac0a6\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ5kSAJ6Hv LtMKCSh-t-xz2gZvB3ssL i3D V2wvv9Ao2K3jx zmrBbG8ZEqQtA/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.g10106fac0a6_0_0)

A quick review of this work reveals that SB240 and SB241 (Submitted by the Republican majority) are intentionally favorable to Republicans (Gerrymandered). The Republican maps do not achieve any portion of the targeted goals of the Map-a-Thon folks, or myself. The Map-a-Thon analysis compares SB240 and 241 to SB 253 and 254 (Democratic proposal) and their own independent proposal. In my view, the analysis shows the Republican plans to be unnecessarily aggressive in securing Republican over-representation in a state that basically votes 50-50 along party lines. These Republican plans, if passed, will be an abuse of the power entrusted to them by NH voters. It will reduce our vaunted high participation in the democratic process, and lead to political apathy. Only a fair fight is a contest that is worthy of the citizens of NH.

Please encourage all Committee members to read and understand the Map-a-Thon analysis before voting. If partisan politics gets in the way of allowing one side to "win" over the other, I encourage the committee to adopt the proposals of the Map-a-thon, who offer plans that meet democratic goals as much as possible.

Sincerely,

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