

Dear Committee Members,

I had hoped to attend the hearing today but like many public hearings, they are held during business hours which make it extremely difficult for regular working class folk to attend. Here is my public comment on the redistricting maps.

I am a lifelong resident of NH. I believe that district voting maps should remain competitive and not subject to be redrawn to favor one political party or another. Do you think we are all blind to what it means when these lines are redrawn? It is anti - democratic for a party to redraw voting maps when they are the ones running for office. It makes our vote mute. It takes away our voice.

Some folks think that the 2020 presidential election was "stolen." Well when voting maps are drawn to benefit a political party I would take a long look at what the definition of stolen means. It's right there, plain as can be.

There were listening sessions this fall across the state about this issue and voters expressed their concerns. It seems the House did not take this into consideration when making their decision. They made a decision to benefit themselves and not their constituents. Shouldn't our lawmakers be basing their decisions from both Republican and Democrat constituents?

The bottom line is voting maps should remain competitive and based on the actual votes of citizens.

Thank you

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