

Greetings,

I write today to strongly advocate for fair maps in the redistricting NH cities, towns and municipalities. Fair maps represent and respond to the needs and will of the people of the district in which they are located. Drawing fair maps come from an inclusive and transparent process of doing so. If this is not the case, then maps likely are serving partisan interests of candidates. Such manipulation divides citizens further. Candidates in such partisan districts lose interest in in seeking to appeal to all of his or her constituents and play solely to 'their' party.

I have studied the proposed changes to districting and am very concerned.

We know we must end map manipulation. A fair map produces a state legislative body and congressional delegation that genuinely reflect the voters it represents. District maps should not be biased toward one political party or another. Rather they should accurately represent the political divide of the state's populace.

If one reviews the proposal being considered it is clear that this will not be the case. Indeed, one proposed district has within both Keene and Portsmouth is nearly 2 hours apart!

I encourage you to consider this input and will be watching future actions and votes.

Sincerely,

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