

REGULAR CALENDAR

April 27, 2022

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Majority of the Committee on Special Committee on Redistricting to which was referred SB 200,

AN ACT relative to the election of district commissioners in Haverhill. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Ross Berry

FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MAJORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Special Committee on Redistricting
Bill Number:	SB 200
Title:	relative to the election of district commissioners in Haverhill.
Date:	April 27, 2022
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-1702h

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill as amended proposes a federal congressional map for our state that meets all the legal and constitutional requirements of the US Constitution and the New Hampshire Constitution. The initial and clear requirement for congressional districts is a low population deviation - one person, one vote. With a population deviation of 4.5/5.5 people, this bill presents a map with the lowest population deviation of any publicly presented map. The majority of the committee found it prudent to prioritize New Hampshire's economic communities and county lines over preserving the current map which splits over half of the counties and only preserves one economic community. The majority amendment keeps 8 out of 10 counties together and keeps every economic community together. The committee heard from the public that they wanted a competitive map and this map would have produced an electoral outcome in 2020 where the winner would have prevailed by 50.05%. The current map has produced the same party outcome 90% of the time and does not represent the diverse political views of the state. The majority of the committee rejected the minority amendment for the higher population deviation, the splitting of counties, the failure to recognize any economic community other than the seacoast, and the lack of competitiveness. The map presented for your approval by the majority meets all requirements and furthers the interests of the entire state.

Vote 8-7.

Rep. Ross Berry
FOR THE MAJORITY

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Rep. Paul Bergeron

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

MINORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the redistricting process, the Special Committee on Redistricting held listening sessions in all 10 counties and conducted a number of public hearings on redistricting proposals. At no time did members of the committee hear calls for the congressional districts to undergo radical changes. According to the 2020 Census, the population of the existing first congressional district is 17,945 people larger than the Second Congressional District. Amendment 2022-1736h proposes moving the town of Hampstead, and its population of 8,998 residents, from the first congressional district to the second. The resulting population difference is just 51 people between the two districts; a minuscule deviation of .000037%. One of the great strengths of the New Hampshire political system is that in the New Hampshire House and Senate, the executive council, and the governorship, voters are able to decide every two years whether to keep an incumbent in office or make a change. Under this proposal, the districts would remain competitive. In the last 86 elections in the second congressional district, Republicans have won 71 times and Democrats have won 15 times. In the first congressional district, the seat changed hands in six of the last eight elections, with incumbents losing in five of those races. The minority believes that the focus of redistricting should be on the voter and not be used to benefit one party or candidate over another. The filing period for declarations of candidacy for this year's state primary and general elections begins in less than 30 days. Unlike the majority proposal, the minority amendment would ensure that every announced candidate for New Hampshire's U.S. Congressional Districts will continue to reside within the districts in which they announced their candidacy and in which they have been campaigning. Every candidate should be able to approach an election on a level playing field. The majority on the committee proposes tilting that playing field. The minority amendment protects the rights of all New Hampshire voters and candidates to have a fair opportunity to color our state red, blue, or purple.

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FOR THE MINORITY

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 662:1 U.S. Representative Districts. The state is divided into 2 districts for the choosing of
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10 The districts shall be constituted as follows:

11 I. The first district is constituted of:

12 (a) The counties of:

13 (1) Belknap.

14 (2) Merrimack.

15 (b) In the county of Hillsborough, the towns and city of:

16 (1) Bedford.

17 (2) Deering.

18 (3) Francestown.

19 (4) Goffstown.

20 (5) Hillsborough.

21 (6) Hudson.

22 (7) Litchfield.

23 (8) Manchester.

24 (9) Merrimack.

25 (10) New Boston.

26 (11) Pelham.

27 (12) Weare.

28 (c) In the county of Rockingham, the towns of:

29 (1) Atkinson.

30 (2) Auburn.

31 (3) Brentwood.

32 (4) Candia.

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- 1 (5) Chester.
- 2 (6) Danville.
- 3 (7) Deerfield.
- 4 (8) Derry.
- 5 (9) East Kingston.
- 6 (10) Epping.
- 7 (11) Fremont.
- 8 (12) Hampstead.
- 9 (13) Kensington.
- 10 (14) Kingston.
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- 12 (16) Newton.
- 13 (17) Northwood.
- 14 (18) Nottingham.
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- 16 (20) Raymond.
- 17 (21) Salem.
- 18 (22) Sandown.
- 19 (23) South Hampton.
- 20 (24) Windham.

21 II. The second district is constituted of:

- 22 (a) The counties of:
- 23 (1) Carroll.
- 24 (2) Cheshire.
- 25 (3) Coos.
- 26 (4) Grafton.
- 27 (5) Strafford.
- 28 (6) Sullivan.
- 29 (b) In the county of Hillsborough, the towns and city of:
- 30 (1) Amherst.
- 31 (2) Antrim.
- 32 (3) Bennington.
- 33 (4) Brookline.
- 34 (5) Greenfield.
- 35 (6) Greenville.
- 36 (7) Hancock.
- 37 (8) Hollis.

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1 (9) Lyndeborough.

2 (10) Mason.

3 (11) Milford.

4 (12) Mont Vernon.

5 (13) Nashua.

6 (14) New Ipswich.

7 (15) Peterborough.

8 (16) Sharon.

9 (17) Temple.

10 (18) Wilton.

11 (19) Windsor.

12 (c) In the county of Rockingham, the towns and city of:

13 (1) Exeter.

14 (2) Greenland.

15 (3) Hampton.

16 (4) Hampton Falls.

17 (5) New Castle.

18 (6) Newfields.

19 (7) Newington.

20 (8) Newmarket.

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22 (10) Portsmouth.

23 (11) Rye.

24 (12) Seabrook.

25 (13) Stratham.

26 2 Application. This act shall in no way disqualify any person from any elective office to which
27 he or she was elected prior to the effective date of this act.

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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2022-1702h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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18 (3) Belmont,

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20 (5) Gilmanton,

21 (6) Laconia,

22 (7) Meredith,

23 (8) New Hampton,

24 (9) Sanbornton, and

25 (10) Tilton; and

26 (c) In the county of Grafton, the town of:

27 (1) Campton; and

28 (d) In the county of Hillsborough, the towns and city of:

29 (1) Bedford,

30 (2) Goffstown,

31 (3) Manchester, and

32 (4) Merrimack; and

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1 (e) In the county of Merrimack, the town of:

2 (1) Hooksett; and

3 (f) In the county of Rockingham, the towns and city of:

4 (1) Auburn,

5 (2) Brentwood,

6 (3) Candia,

7 (4) Chester,

8 (5) Danville,

9 (6) Derry,

10 (7) East Kingston,

11 (8) Epping, students over age 21 to age 22

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25 (22) North Hampton,

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- 1 (2) Coos, and
- 2 (3) Sullivan; and
- 3 (b) In the county of Belknap, the town of:
- 4 (1) Center Harbor; and
- 5 (c) In the county of Grafton, the towns, city, and unincorporated place of:
- 6 (1) Alexandria,
- 7 (2) Ashland,
- 8 (3) Bath,
- 9 (4) Benton,
- 10 (5) Bethlehem,
- 11 (6) Bridgewater,
- 12 (7) Bristol,
- 13 (8) Canaan,
- 14 (9) Dorchester,
- 15 (10) Easton,
- 16 (11) Ellsworth,
- 17 (12) Enfield,
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- 19 (14) Grafton,
- 20 (15) Groton,
- 21 (16) Hanover,
- 22 (17) Haverhill,
- 23 (18) Hebron,
- 24 (19) Holderness,
- 25 (20) Landaff,
- 26 (21) Lebanon,
- 27 (22) Lincoln,
- 28 (23) Lisbon,
- 29 (24) Littleton,
- 30 (25) Livermore,
- 31 (26) Lyman,
- 32 (27) Lyme,
- 33 (28) Monroe,
- 34 (29) Orange,
- 35 (30) Orford,
- 36 (31) Piermont,
- 37 (32) Plymouth,

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- 1 (33) Rumney,
- 2 (34) Sugar Hill,
- 3 (35) Thornton,
- 4 (36) Warren,
- 5 (37) Waterville Valley,
- 6 (38) Wentworth, and
- 7 (39) Woodstock; and

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- 33 (25) Weare,
- 34 (26) Wilton,
- 35 (27) Windsor; and

36 (e) In the county of Merrimack, the towns and cities of:

- 37 (1) Allenstown,

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- 1 (2) Andover,
- 2 (3) Boscawen,
- 3 (4) Bow,
- 4 (5) Bradford,
- 5 (6) Canterbury,
- 6 (7) Chichester,
- 7 (8) Concord,
- 8 (9) Danbury,
- 9 (10) Dunbarton,
- 10 (11) Epsom,
- 11 (12) Franklin,
- 12 (13) Henniker,
- 13 (14) Hill,
- 14 (15) Hopkinton,
- 15 (16) Loudon,
- 16 (17) Newbury,
- 17 (18) New London,
- 18 (19) Northfield,
- 19 (20) Pembroke,
- 20 (21) Pittsfield,
- 21 (22) Salisbury,
- 22 (23) Sutton,
- 23 (24) Warner,
- 24 (25) Webster, and
- 25 (26) Wilmot; and

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2022-1736h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # SB 200

BILL TITLE: Election of District Commissioners Harerhill
DATE: 4/27/22
LOB ROOM: 201-203

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # 1736 h
 Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)
Moved by Rep. Paul Bergeron Seconded by Rep. Manjorie Smith Vote: 7-8

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # 1702 h
 Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)
Moved by Rep. Ross Berry Seconded by Rep. Carol McGuire Vote: 8-7

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # _____
 Interim Study (2nd year) (if offered)
Moved by Rep. Steve Smith Seconded by Rep. Leonard Turotte Vote: 8-7

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Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: ___ YES ___ NO

Minority Report? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: _____
Rep _____, Clerk



2021 SESSION

Special Committee on Redistricting

Bill #: SB 200 Motion: OTP AM #: 17024 Exec Session Date: 4/27/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
Smith, Steven D. Vice Chairman	✓		
McGuire, Carol M.	✓		
Turcotte, Leonard P.	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D.	✓		
Lynn, Bob J.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
O'Hara, Travis J. <i>Larry Gayne</i>	✓		
Cote, David E. <i>Manny Espinoza</i>		✓	
Smith, Marjorie K.		✓	
Bergeron, Paul R.		✓	
Lane, Connie B.		✓	
Piedra, Israel F.		✓	
Weber, Lucy M. <i>Mary Hadden-Phillips</i>		✓	
Wilhelm, Matthew B. <i>Laura Telerski</i>		✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	8	7	



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Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
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- 12 (13) Henniker,
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- 28 (2) Deerfield,
- 29 (3) Hampstead,
- 30 (4) Northwood,
- 31 (5) Salem; and
- 32 (6) Windham.

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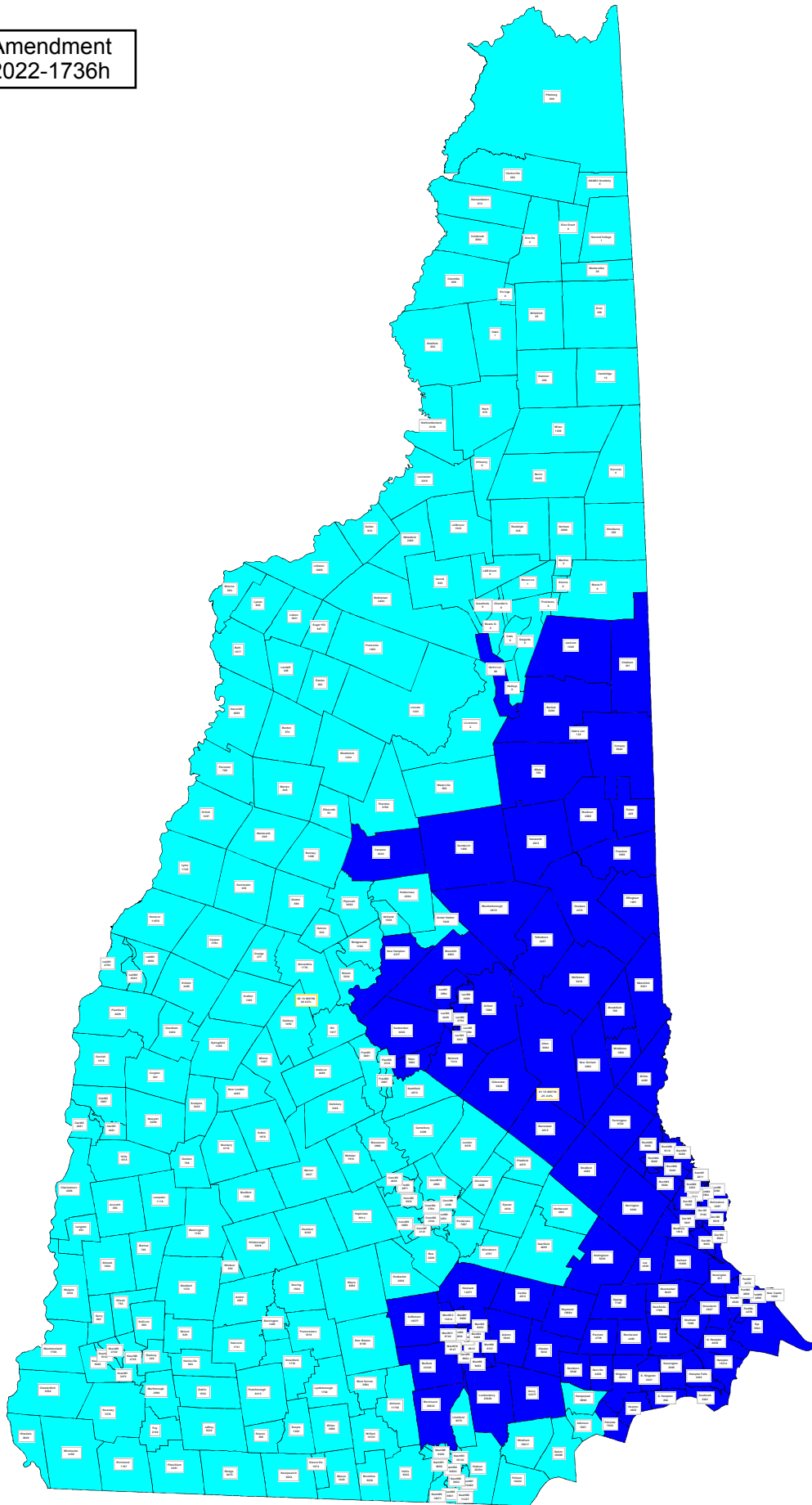
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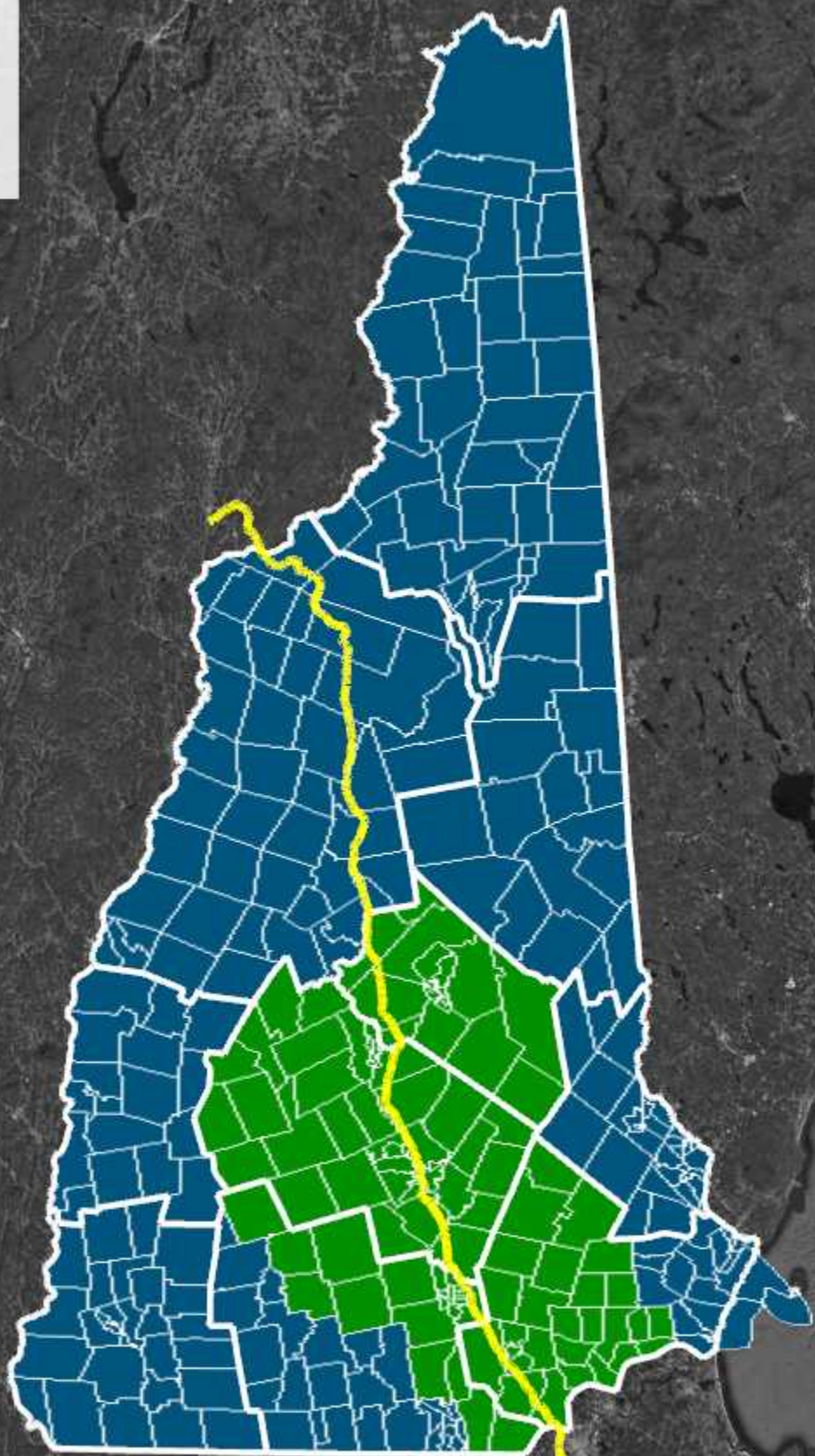
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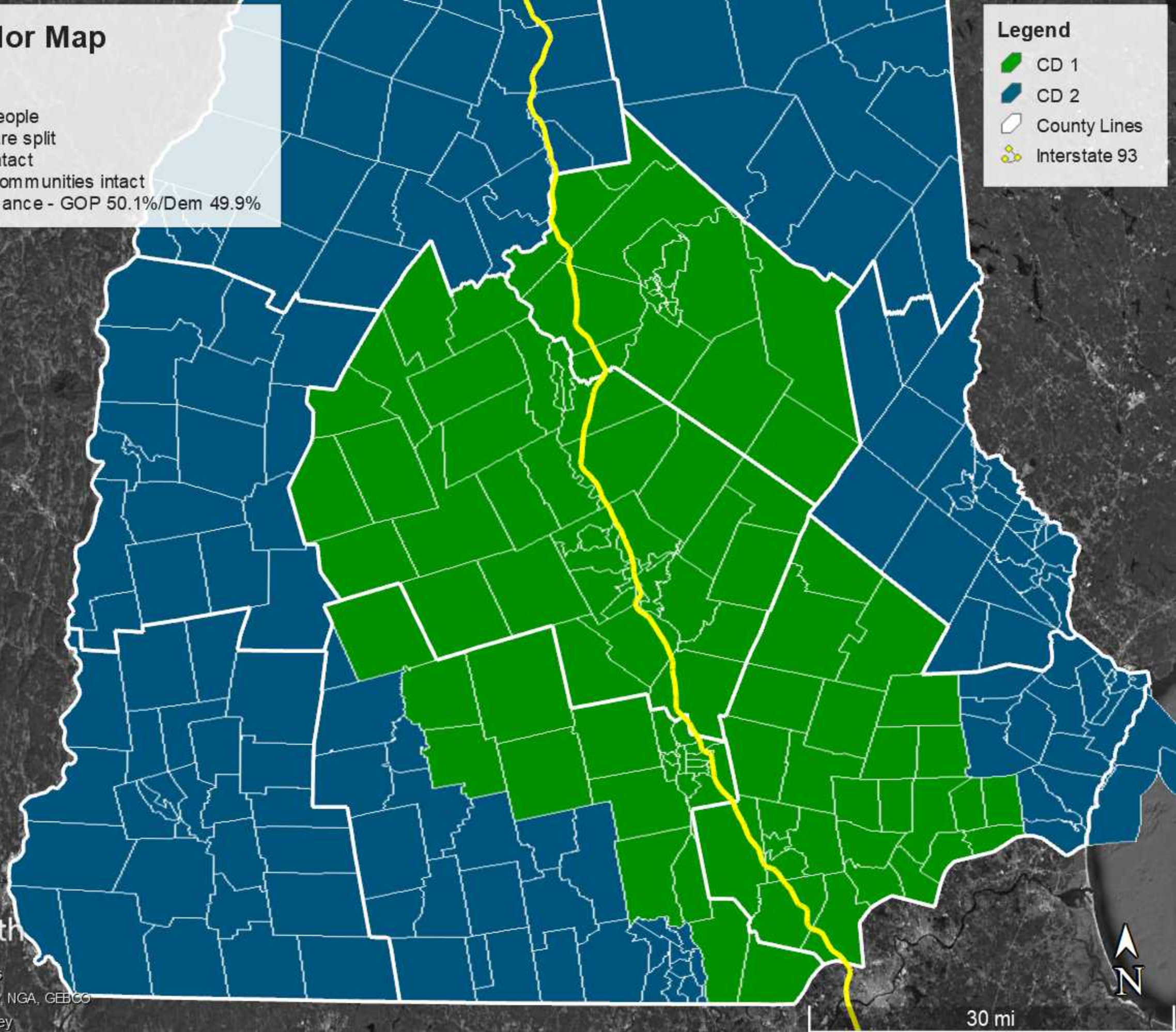
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Special Committee on Redistricting Committee Testify List for Bill SB200 on 2022-04-22

Support: 0 Oppose: 26 Neutral: 3 Total to Testify: 0

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Corkery, Catherine	Concord, NH catherine.corkery@sierraclub.org	A Lobbyist	NH Sierra Club	Neutral	No	Yes	4/15/2022 3:48 PM
Maldonado, Ursula	Concord, NH ursula.m.maldonado@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/15/2022 10:14 PM
Garland, Ann	Lebanon, NH annhgarland@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/16/2022 9:36 AM
Waterman, Raymond	Merrimack, NH prwaterman@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/16/2022 11:56 AM
Waterman, Patricia	Merrimack, NH prwaterman@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/16/2022 11:57 AM
Desmarais, Doreen	Northwood, NH doreend@netzero.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/16/2022 12:20 PM
Huberman, Anne	Peterborough, NH Anne.Huberman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	Yes	4/16/2022 7:42 PM
Reed, Barbara D.	North Swanzey, NH BDRreed74@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/17/2022 11:14 AM
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Quinn, Sam	Concord, NH srq203@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No	Yes	4/18/2022 10:36 AM
Cotton, Bev	Weare, NH bevcott@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/18/2022 8:24 PM
Emus, Joanne	Hollis, NH jremus0322@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/18/2022 9:33 PM
Murray, Meredith	Exeter, NH meredith.rita@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/19/2022 11:35 AM

Siegart, Diane	Thornton, NH dsiegart@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/19/2022 12:49 PM
Holt, David	Somersworth, NH davholt@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/19/2022 2:05 PM
Bagshaw, Joseph	Center Conway, NH bagshaw.joseph@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/20/2022 9:28 AM
Rasmussen, Elissa	Brookline, NH elissa@evanshatz.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/20/2022 9:44 AM
Orkin, Susan	Grantham, NH susanorkin@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/20/2022 9:51 AM
Robinson, Ellis	Grantham, NH ellismmrobinson@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/20/2022 4:12 PM
Findley, Sally	Grantham, NH findley.se@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/20/2022 5:50 PM
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Hanks, Laurie	Grantham, NH lfhanks@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 4:56 AM
Farnum, Ellen	Tamworth, NH ellenlynnfarnum@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 9:09 AM
Cranage, Amy	Grantham, NH aehcranage@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 9:59 AM
Bilotta, Diane	Grantham, NH Lottabilotta@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 10:05 AM
Bundy, Linda	Antrim, NH n_bundy@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Neutral	No	Yes	4/21/2022 1:41 PM
Kuemmerle, Nancy	Enfield, NH nkuemmerle@une.edu	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 3:57 PM
Richman, Susan	Durham, NH susan7richman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/21/2022 7:18 PM
Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	4/22/2022 9:54 AM

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Catherine Corkery

The people of NH need to UN-gerrymander the congressional districts pass in HB52. Please support the proposal from the Map-a-thon that switch just one town as needed. Support democracy and reject HB52!!

Raymond Waterman

Vote no on SB200 - still doesn't pass the 'smell' test.

Patricia Waterman

Vote no on SB200

Doreen Desmarais

Though it is better than the committee proposed map, it is still not a great map.

Anne Huberman

I urge you to respect the "one person, one vote" principle that individuals should have equal representation in voting by amending this law to bring the numbers of voters in these two districts closer to equal by swapping Loudon and Epsom.

Sam Quinn

These modifications to the state's congressional districts are reasonable. That being said, it should be examined as to why Carroll County is split. Please consider reuniting all of Carroll County into the 1st CD as it has been for decades. Thank you.

David Holt

this map is better than the map the Governor vowed to veto, but could still do more to make the districts competitive.

Ellis Robinson

This proposed bill is much improved over the one passed by the House and Senate earlier. However, it can and should be better. NH is a purple state and the competitiveness of our Congressional districts should reflect that. Keep working on it!

Linda Bundy

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Nancy Kuemmerle

Stop this egregious gerrymandering.



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The Honorable Barbara Griffin, Chairwoman
House Special Committee on Redistricting
Concord, NH 03301
TESTIMONY for SB 200

Good Morning Chairwoman and members of the House Special Committee on Redistricting.

For the record, my name is Olivia Zink, Executive Director of Open Democracy Action, a non-partisan, non-profit, pro-voter organization with over 35,000 members. I live in Franklin, NH.

I am here asking for SB 200 to be amended to equalize the population. Population Equality Standard: One Person, One Vote The Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to require that each congressional district within a state contain an approximately equal number of persons. In a 1964 ruling, [Wesberry v. Sanders](#), the Supreme Court interpreted [Article I, Section 2](#) of the U.S. Constitution, which provides that Representatives be chosen “by the People of the several States” so that “as nearly as is practicable[,] one man’s vote in a congressional election is to be worth as much as another’s.” This requirement is sometimes called the “[equality standard](#)” or the principle of one person, one vote.

Later, in [Karcher v. Daggett](#), the Court rejected a 0.6984% maximum population deviation, holding that “absolute” population equality is the standard for congressional districts unless a deviation is necessary to achieve “some legitimate state objective.” According to the Court, these objectives can include “consistently applied legislative policies” such as achieving greater compactness, respecting municipal boundaries, preserving prior districts, and avoiding contests between incumbents. The Court held that the government did not provide sufficient justification for the population deviation in this case. In [Tennant v. Jefferson County Commission](#) the Court further honed the population equality standard, upholding a congressional district with a 0.79% maximum population deviation. According to the Court, while precise mathematical equality among congressional districts is not required, the “as nearly as practicable” standard requires states to justify any population deviation among districts with “legitimate state objectives.” Emphasizing that the state’s burden here is “flexible,” the Court explained that it will depend on the size of the population deviation, the importance of the state’s interests, how consistently the redistricting plan matches those interests, and whether alternatives exist that might substantially serve those interests while achieving greater population equality. The Court opined that none of

the alternative redistricting plans that achieved greater population equality came as close to vindicating the state's legitimate objectives and therefore, upheld the 0.79% maximum population deviation between the largest and smallest congressional districts.

The plus 715 people and negative 716 people gives this map a 0.21% population deviation is within the threshold tolerated by the courts. But if you wanted to switch the town of Loudon for the town of Epsom you get a plus 26 people and negative 27 so you get a 0.01% population deviation. Making one adjustment gives a much better equal representation.

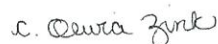
SB 200 is more competitive than the previous proposal but less competitive than the current map. Redistricting impacts many issues in our daily lives. The drawing of district lines can not only determine who is elected, but also how the state's financial resources are allocated for schools, hospitals, roads and more. It's critical that we get this right.

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Respectfully,

C. Olivia Zink



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Map-a-Thon Citizen Mapping Project

<https://www.opendemocracyaction.org/maps>

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Gov. Sununu Proposed Map

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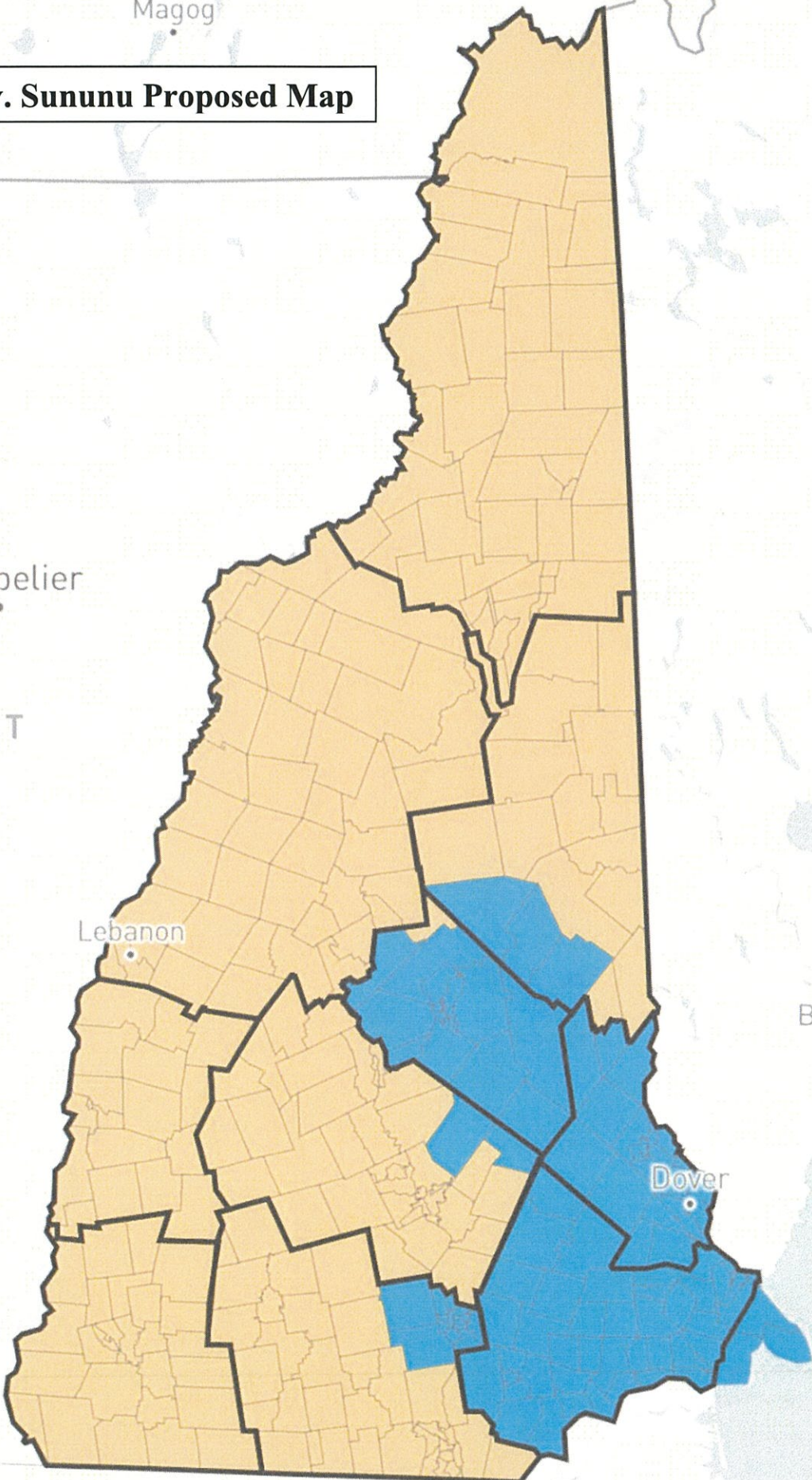
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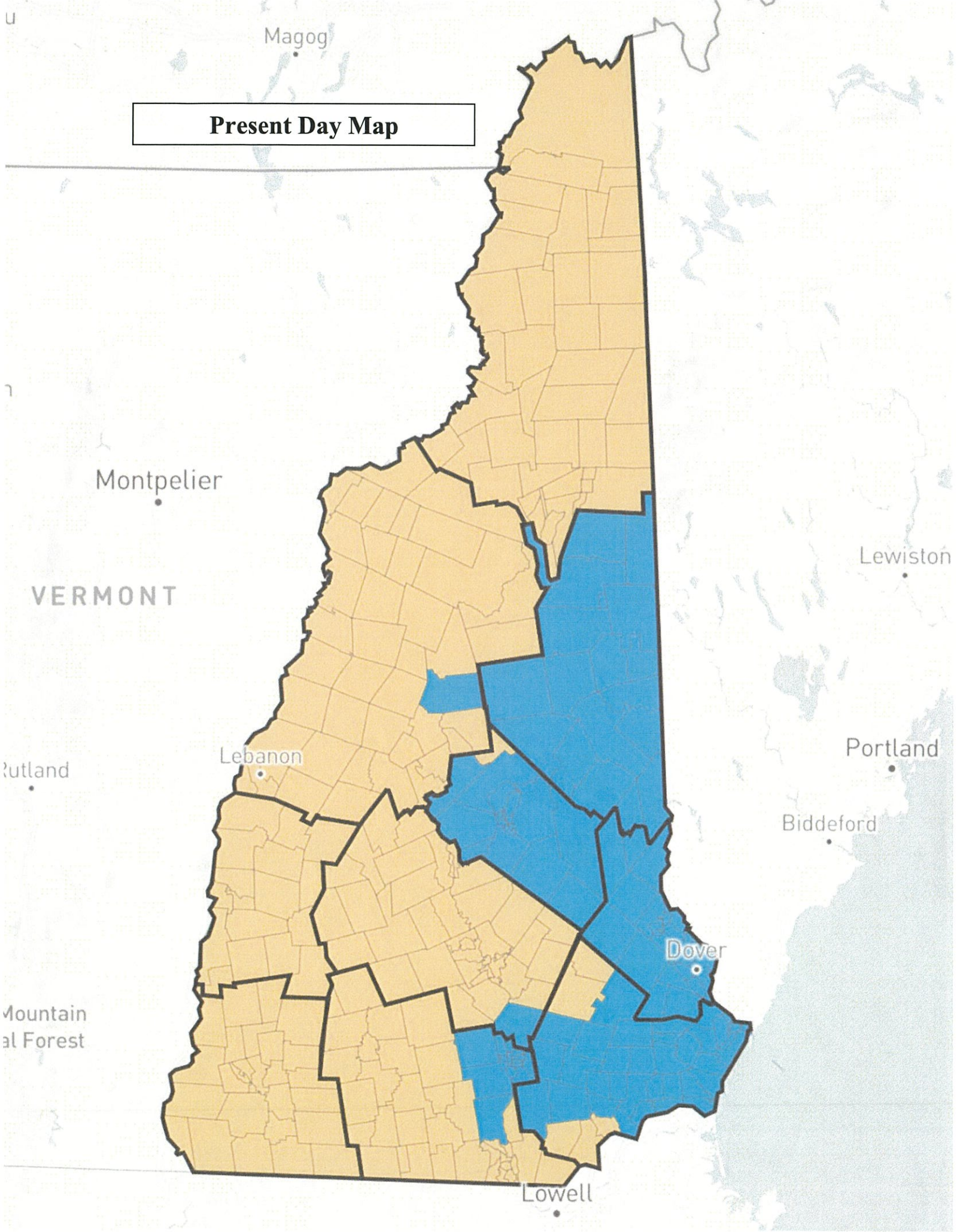
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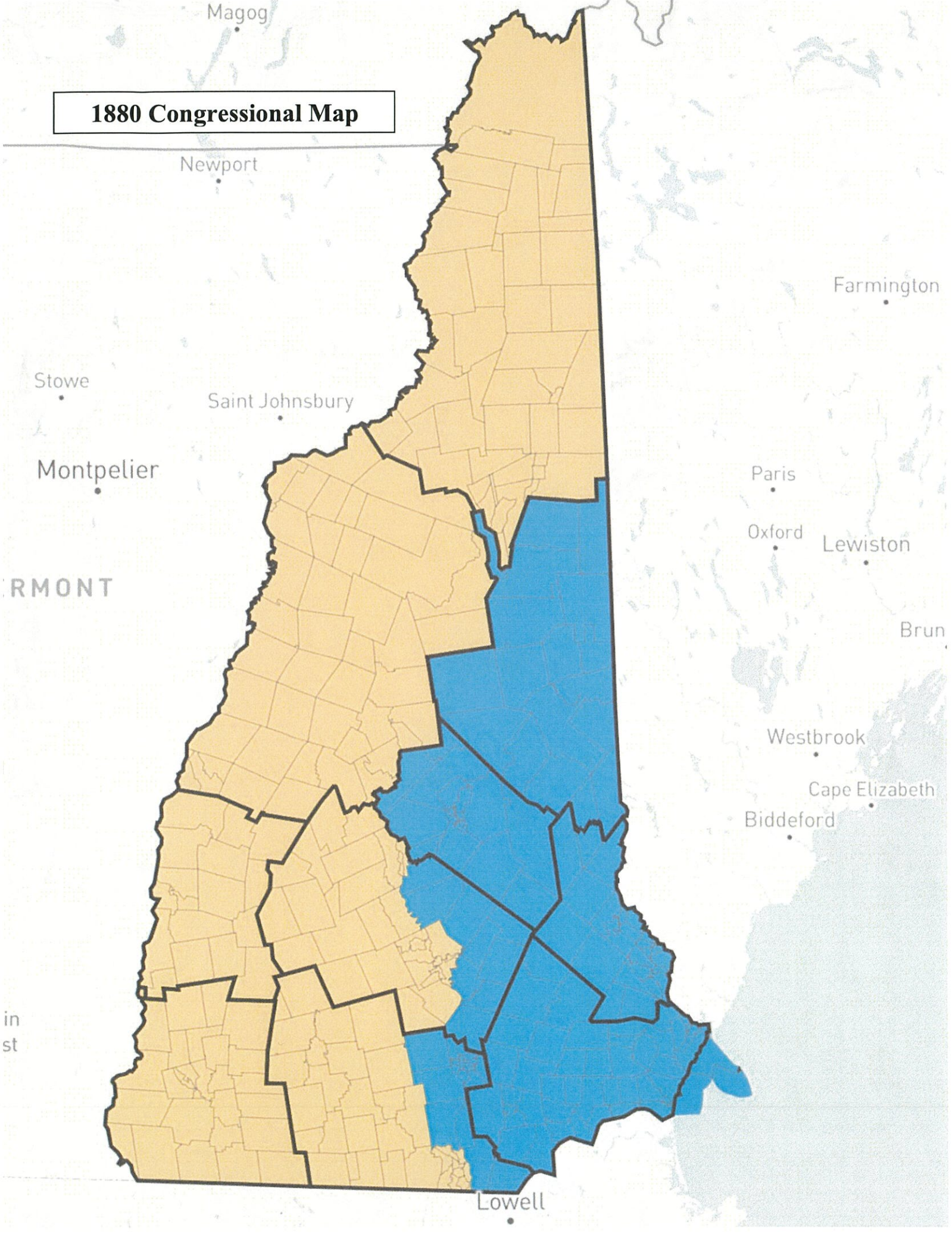
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Chair Griffin and Members of the Special Redistricting Committee:

My name is Corinne Dodge and I vote in Derry. For the record, I am an Independent voter. I vote for candidates who I believe will represent me, and I expect my vote to be counted fairly.

I believe that our Democracy works well when legislators of all political parties work together and compromise to create laws which truly represent all NH voters far better than any one party could do on its own. I have not seen compromise happening with our redistricting laws this year.

I believe that our government fails us when legislators from one political party methodically create redistricting laws for the expressed purpose of putting their political party in complete charge of determining what laws will be passed for the next ten years. It fails us when our legislators choose to vote to please and protect their own political party bosses rather than representing their constituents.

I would like to remind this committee that our NH Constitution of 1784 clearly states that “all government of right originates from the people, is founded in consent, and instituted for the general good.” Furthermore, Article 8 clarifies government accountability by stating: “All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive.”

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I remember the chair of this committee assuring the public at her first meeting that the maps created by this committee would be fair and transparent, and would not benefit any one political party. Since that time I have attended and given testimony at countless meetings on redistricting. At each of the public hearings, large numbers of voters showed up with an overwhelming call for redistricting maps that represent all the voters of NH and which did not give unfair advantage to one political party. In reply you have presented us with one map after another which gives unfair advantage to one political party. I am incredibly disappointed and angry that our public requests have been consistently ignored. It is not too late to support constituents by amending ~~SB200~~. Make the maps competitive!

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SB 200 - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-3003

10/08

SENATE BILL **200**

AN ACT relative to the election of district commissioners in Haverhill.

SPONSORS: Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Rep. Ladd, Graf. 4; Rep. Binford, Graf. 15

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill allows the town of Haverhill to elect 5 village district commissioners for districts within the town.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struck through.~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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1 1 Village District Elections; Town of Haverhill. Amend the section heading of RSA 670:2-a and
2 670:2-a, I to read as follows:

3 670:2-a Optional Election of Commissioners in Districts Within the Towns of Merrimack[~~and~~],
4 Hooksett, **and Haverhill**.

5 I. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 670:2, any village district within the town of
6 Merrimack[~~or~~], the town of Hooksett, **or the town of Haverhill** may at any annual meeting under
7 an article in the warrant for the meeting elect 5 rather than 3 commissioners by a majority vote of
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9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.