

Good Evening, Senators:

Yesterday at the House Special Committee on Redistricting work session, the first report of the Map-a-Thon citizen-drawn redistricting maps was distributed. It has subsequently been distributed electronically via the committee's website. I can see no equivalent upload tool on the Senate committee's page, so I am distributing the report in PDF to you by email.

This first report (the second House map report will be distributed shortly) is the work of over 200 Granite Staters who have spent many hours learning the process, the mandates of the NH Constitution, the NH Supreme Court cases, doing surveys, making phone calls to towns, and eventually doing the mapping and analysis. Bios of our Mapping & Technical team are on the last page of the report.

We urge the members to not only explore the report, but also the related links which take you to our mapping software platform, more maps with Communities of Interest overlays, our analysis tools, and all of our supporting documentation. Our tools will also help us to examine other proposed maps for best practices in redistricting. Our team would be happy to assist in analyzing the Senate's maps for errors and oversights as well before the post-mapping hearings.

Thank you for your thorough review of our proposals, and we hope to hear your comments about them at the upcoming public input sessions.

Thank you for your service to New Hampshire.

Warm regards,

Brian Beihl, Deputy Director, Open Democracy
for the Map-a-Thon Coalition

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