Honorable chairs and members of the House and Senate Special Committees on Redistricting:

I am writing today to express my thoughts about the powerful and unenviable task with which you are charged.

Many are watching and most have an opinion on the task you are undertaking. Some, even, will take the time to share their thoughts. The bottom line is we all have a stake in the outcome of your deliberations.

I offer my support for the committee's transparency, fairness and willingness to listen — to the general public as well as to peers and constituents.

And, in the absence of a commissioned, independent council, I urge you to use the most up-to-date procedures to create the maps and enlist a neutral body to review them before you make your final decision.

Thank you for your dedication and your service to our state. Thank you for allowing this time for public input.

I wish you well and hope your work produces stunning results that offer the most equitable representation for all the citizens of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,

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