

Dear Members of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting,

I am a truly Independent voter who is very upset at the redistricting maps that have been proposed by the Republican House committee.

The U.S. House redistricting map is a flagrant example of gerrymandering and should be an embarrassment to any responsible elected representative or senator who supports it. I understand politics is politics but fear that this creation of two relatively "safe" districts, one for each party, will add to more polarization in the U.S. congress.

We need more competitive districts to encourage more compromise and centrist tendency rather than extreme views from either party.

Likewise the state Senate districts and Executive Council districts need to be fair and competitive.

I ask that members of the Senate take a bigger "senatorial" view and modify the House proposals to be more competitive.

Thank you.

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