## OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

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March 30, 2021

Representative Barbara Comtois P.O. Box 186 Center Barnstead, NH 03225-0186

Representative Raymond Howard Jr. 311 Stockbridge Corner Road Alton, NH 03809-5241

Senator James Gray State House, Room 302 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representatives Comtois and Howard and Senator Gray:

On March 13, 2021, the Town of Barnstead considered a petitioned Warrant Article, No. 24, which was called the NH Resolution for Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting. The Article passed with a vote of 29 for to 20 against at Town Meeting.

The text of the Resolution was as follows:

## NEW HAMPSHIRE RESOLUTION FOR NONPARTISAN FAIR REDISTRICTING

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Barnstead, NH to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Barnstead to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the town officials to Barnstead's state legislators informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

As stipulated in the Article, we submit the results of the vote for your consideration and the consideration of the New Hampshire legislature.

Thank you for your service to our community and state.

Sincerely,

Diane Beijer, Chairman

Paula Penney

Barnstead Board of Selectmen

Richard Therrien, Vice Chairman

Edward Tasker