

Testimony read to the Redistricting Committee in the Strafford County Courthouse on Wednesday, September 22, 2021:

Sue Nastasi of Rollinsford.

I have a Dover mailing address, but I live in and pay taxes in Rollinsford. The town votes for 4 state representatives. Our current representatives consist of 1 living in Rollinsford & 3 in Somersworth.

Our town 2020 census shows us at a population of 2,597. I know you will have to combine us with Dover or Somersworth (but these cities are so much larger it drowns out the voices of Rollinsford voters).

I am pleased & proud to be one of the 3 Supervisors of the Checklist. Serving the town & keeping our voting records exact & up to date has been meaningful.

My town is situated on the western bank of the Salmon Falls River which divides New Hampshire from Maine. It is approximately 14 miles from the Atlantic Ocean, and our neighboring cities are Dover and Somersworth, New Hampshire and South Berwick, Maine.

Thank you, Chairperson Griffin, for allowing me time to speak before the Redistricting Committee. I hope I will have time after the maps are drawn to add my voice to the debate.

Accurate Representation = Fair Maps

Being accurate is for the voters to choose their representatives, not for the any political candidate to decide their constituents.

Also being accurate is doing the job elected to do and following the constitution. We all have to answer to a "boss". The constituents are the "boss" for the elected officials.

When representatives are redrawing maps to **pack** districts, they are not doing their job.

Packing –The act of grouping together members of one group within a district to the point that they are a super-majority in that district. This reduces the electoral influence of the group in the surrounding districts. Executive Council District 2 is an example of packing and I hope you can do a better job on executive council map drawing.

Your work is appreciated by all in the state. So much work is done on your own time. The committee and COVID guidelines have caused increased demands of time, travel, & plain rearranging your life.

Please give all voters the confidence this Redistricting Committee *will do the right thing*. Thank you for your time.