

RE: Opposed to the proposed House and Congressional Redistricting Plans.

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Hello,

My name is Donna Reardon and I am a resident and voter in Concord, NH. I am OPPOSED to the proposed Redistricting Plans for many reasons.

The proposed maps do not follow the state Constitutional requirement of towns with sufficient population receiving their own representatives. (ex. Gilmanton). The absence of single town districts, when communities with enough residents — 3,434 or more per House member — should have their own representative. Why not give everyone fair representation?

You can see in the map (attached) of the Congressional Plan, there is a horseshoe-like shape. Why? **The Congressional Plan plan moves 75 communities and a quarter of the state's population into different congressional districts.** There are plans that would disturb less communities?

It was noted by a previous speaker Tuesday that the change in the state deviation overall would be from the mean .08 percent lean in favor of Republicans to 1.3 percent, while **the change in Congressional districts represents a 6 percent shift, guaranteeing a Republican district and a Democratic district.** Why are you doing this?

There are far too many more similar details to include in my 2 minutes.

In Wikipedia, "Gerrymandering is the practice of setting boundaries of electoral districts to favor specific political interests within legislative bodies, often resulting in districts with convoluted, winding boundaries rather than compact areas." "Why gerrymander? To increase the power of a political party?" **The details in your proposed plan supports gerrymandering 100%. NH may be in wikipedia as an example if these plans are passed.** The State Republican Party chair Stephen Stefanik spoke guaranteeing there would be a conservative Republican member of Congress from NH after the 2022 election because Republicans control the redistricting process. How did he know there would be Republican gerrymandering?

Please listen to the majority of NH citizens who are saying, "You must not approve the current maps." You will lose your credibility if you accept the proposed Congressional plan. NH voters (Republican, Democrat, and Independent) are watching, and we will remember in future elections.

Thank you for your time.

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