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REDISTRICTING UPDATE

The Special Joint Committee on Redistricting has released the proposed House and Senate legislative district maps.

The maps propose that the 1st Franklin District lose some of its Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden county towns. I am deeply saddened by this as I am truly honored to represent Williamsburg, Goshen, Chesterfield, Cummington, Plainfield, Worthington, Chester, Huntington, Middlefield and Shutesbury. I am so grateful for the strong relationships I have been fortunate to develop with individuals and elected officials since I was first elected.

I look forward to getting to know the new communities in the 1st Franklin District, establishing new relationships and earning the trust and confidence of residents. They include Rowe, Monroe, Hawley, Charlemont, Heath, Colrain, Leyden, Bernardston and precincts 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Greenfield.

The proposed changes do not take effect until the next legislative session begins in January 2023. House members will seek re-election in the new districts next fall. Please know that I will continue to represent you until that time and remain committed to supporting you and your communities each and every day.

If you are interested in learning more, below please find a link to the redistricting website:

https://malegislature.gov/redistricting

House maps are available at this link:

https://malegislature.gov/assets/redistricting/Mapbook%202021%20Proposed%20House %20Districts.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0FzVB6TLN-g-wsnx-F7M-

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The Committee will accept public comment on the proposed Districts until 5:00PM on October 18, 2021. Comments can be submitted here:

https://malegislature.gov/Redistricting/Contact

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 413-362-9453 or email me at natalie.blais@mahouse.gov.

