

Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding Proposed School District Redistricting and North Hero

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you today as a concerned resident of North Hero, Vermont, to express my strong opposition to the current draft map for school district redistricting.

The proposed changes fail to recognize the established and critical connections between our community and Chittenden County. Virtually all North Hero residents with school-aged children send them to schools within Chittenden County, and, importantly, a vast majority of North Hero residents are employed in Chittenden County. Our daily lives, our commerce, and our educational ties are intrinsically linked to Chittenden County, not the proposed new district structure.

The current proposal risks severing these vital educational and professional pathways, causing unnecessary disruption and hardship for our families. Maintaining our existing connection to Chittenden County schools is essential for preserving community coherence and ensuring stability for our children's education and their parents' livelihoods.

I urge you to carefully reconsider the proposed map and advocate for a plan that recognizes and maintains the crucial social, educational, and economic ties between North Hero and Chittenden County.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Travis Thomason
North Hero resident and parent