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Special Joint Committee on Redistricting Releases Draft Congressional Map for Public Comment

(BOSTON) – The Special Joint Committee on Redistricting today released a draft Congressional map for public comments.

The Committee chairs, Senator Stanley Rosenberg and Representative Michael Moran posted a letter to the citizens of the Commonwealth on the Redistricting website asking for public comment on the draft plan – the first time this has ever been done in Massachusetts.

“We believe that the draft Congressional maps incorporate many of the ideas presented to the Committee during the thirty-one hours of testimony given by over 400 groups and individuals at 13 public hearings and the 120 comments that people submitted through our website,” Chairs Rosenberg and Moran wrote.

“We now ask for your help again. Please give us your comments and suggestions on the draft districts maps for the United States House of Representatives. We will evaluate your proposals over the next three days before the Committee makes a recommendation to the General Court. A public comment period on the draft Congressional maps is the first time this has been done in Massachusetts. This is an important component in what many have described as the most open, inclusive, and transparent redistricting process in the history of the state.”

During its work, the Committee heard thirty-one hours of testimony from over 400 groups and individuals. The redistricting website received more than 10,000 hits.

The draft plan includes the following features:

- Strongest minority-majority congressional district in the state’s history
- Fifty-six percent minority population in the minority-majority district
- A new, incumbent-free district made up of South Eastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod.
- Districts that make geographic sense

The public is invited to view and comment on the draft Congressional maps on the Committee website (www.malegislature.gov/redistricting).

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