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Chair Archambault, Chair Phillips, and Members of the Special Commission on Reapportionment:

I am a resident of Rhode Island and submitting testimony in support of ending the prison-based gerrymandering. We all want to uphold a fair and just democracy.

There are so many community groups, legal groups, and other experts who have sufficient evidence on the harm this practice has and would have on communities if continued in Rhode Island.

I personally have met folks who told me that they were just released out of prison and are not from RI, their home being across the country, released with no support and asking for change to get a bus ticket home.

This redistricting process is an opportunity to progress forward our laws and policies and this is one of those opportunities. Please take it.

Thank you

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