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MECKLENBURG COUNTY — The district maps that Republican legislators drew in secret and unveiled this week are the most blatantly rigged schemes I've ever seen. The gerrymandered districts twist and curl like apple skins falling from my grandma's vegetable peeler. They are the opposite of fair - they are not compact, they do not keep communities of interest together, and they are not what the voters of North Carolina deserve.

One of the more egregious examples of them carving up our state in order to deny voters the ability to choose their representative is in Senate District 41, the Mecklenburg County district I've had the honor to represent for three terms. Republican map drawers cut a line through my hometown of Davidson, putting most of the town in a new district that is based in Iredell County, and leaving part of Davidson in a new district which is currently represented by Sen. Mujtaba Mohammed (SD38), who lives fairly far away in east Charlotte. I live in the part of Davidson that is moved to the Iredell district, which leans heavily Republican and has an incumbent Republican Senator (Vickie Sawyer, SD37). The mapmakers knew exactly where my house is and seemingly did this on purpose to try to squeeze me out of the NC Senate.

This leaves me with several options. Among the options supporters have suggested are that I move to the new Senate District 41 (west and center city Charlotte), or a different Senate district, or run for another office completely. The maps are not yet final, so it's too early to make my decision. I am considering my choices and will update you when I know more.

Whatever I end up doing, I hope to be in a position to advocate for fair elections and democratic principles like the importance of allowing voters to choose their representatives, instead of the other way around.

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