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Whereas the United States of America was founded on the principle of representative democracy.

Whereas our legislative bodies ought to be representative of the people and so formed in a way as to best approximate an equal voice for all.

Whereas electoral district boundaries are redrawn in years following the census to ensure continued fair representation.

Whereas the state of Nebraska allows the Nebraska state legislature to freely redraw electoral district boundaries in such a way as to ensure a party majority in the many districts while concentrating opposing views in the few districts.

Whereas this practice is commonly known as gerrymandering.

Be it resolved that the Nebraska Democratic Party stands in support of making NE create a politically independent commission which is to convene in years following the census and which has the primary goal of drawing electoral district boundaries such that the views of the people are fairly represented and the secondary goal that those boundary lines are to be kept simple and follow existing boundaries where possible.