



REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST NEW CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING MAPS

NEW MAPS REEK OF GERRYMANDERING AND JUST A BLATANT POWER GRAB BY DEMOCRATS

Albuquerque, January 21—Today the Republican Party of New Mexico filed a lawsuit in New Mexico’s Fifth Judicial District Court challenging the partisan and illegal gerrymandering of our state in newly approved Congressional redistricting maps. The maps carve up and extend Congressional districts to give Democrats a political advantage in future elections.

The newly approved redistricting maps dilute Republican voting strength.

The lawsuit is being filed by Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber & Schreck of Albuquerque, which is also handling the redistricting suits in Colorado.

RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce released the following statement on the lawsuit:

“Immediately after the 2020 election, Speaker Egolf announced his intention to implement a partisan redistricting of our state to reverse Republican gains. Last month, he followed through on that threat. The Democrat’s cynical attempt to consolidate their power by abusing the redistricting process in New Mexico is illegal and wrong. We are bringing this

suit to protect the voices of all New Mexicans regardless of their political beliefs. New Mexico statute provides for a non-partisan commission to listen to the people across the state and then submit redistricting plans to the legislature. The commission held public meetings, many people participated, and maps were submitted from that body to the state legislature. And yet after months of hard work and hundreds of thousands in taxpayer dollars spent by the Citizens Redistricting Committee, the Democrats tossed all of that away and jammed through an illegal gerrymander that ripped apart communities of interest, disenfranchised voters across the state, and set up maps where the intent is to let Albuquerque have all 3 congressional representatives. Through this suit we will stand for fairness, the rule of law, and the core principles of our democracy."