



RPNM Statement on NM Supreme Court Redistricting Ruling

November 27—In response to the New Mexico Supreme Court's decision to uphold the district court's ruling maintaining the second district is not an egregious gerrymander or considered entrenched, the Republican Party of New Mexico chairman and former congressman Steve Pearce issued the following statement:

"We are disappointed in the NM Supreme Court's ruling to uphold the gerrymandered map that disenfranchises the voices of conservative Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike and divides up vital industries. We intensely disagree that Democrats did not intentionally entrench the Second Congressional District by shifting it 18 points in their favor. It's unfortunate the court would agree that 54% DPI (Democratic Performance Index) is considered entrenched, but the current map's 53% DPI, is not. The court leaned heavily on the closeness of the last election. Without the specific factors of the previous election that included a popular Republican incumbent and an unknown Democratic challenger, the effects of the entrenchment would be prominent. We are contemplating our next course of action in conference with our legal team. RPNM is proud to fight for the fair representation of every New Mexican, regardless of their political party. "