

Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland,  
The Bungalow,  
Stormont House,  
Stormont Estate,  
Belfast,  
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**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

Re: Boundary Commission Revised Proposals 2018

A Chara,

I wish to register my objection to the Boundary Commission Revised Proposals 2018. I am gravely concerned as a nationalist voter that six months after the DUP-Tory pact, the Boundary Commission produced radically changed proposals, which tend to reflect the submissions made by the DUP to the Commission.

If these boundary changes go ahead, at least four Assembly constituencies will be left without any nationalist representation whatsoever. The views of thousands of nationalist voters will effectively count for nothing.

That is completely unacceptable and it is easy to see why many people are calling this a gerrymander for the 21st Century. Nobody could argue that the new plan represents fairness, given that it clearly facilitates so much of the DUP demands at the expense of the nationalist electorate. There can be no return to the gerrymandering of the past. All votes should be equal and all citizens should be entitled to democratic representation.

I believe that the Commission needs to return to their proposals of September 2016 as the basis for a fair and equitable outcome.

Is mise le meas,  
Patrick Withers

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