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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2 OF THE 2022 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 2 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 2, the redistricting plan for the Kentucky House of Representatives, because it is an unconstitutional political gerrymander that prevents some communities from having their voices heard in Frankfort.

This redistricting plan appears designed to deprive certain communities of representation. In particular, it excessively splits counties, including Fayette, Boone, Hardin, and Campbell, and carves up other counties such as Jefferson and Warren for partisan reasons, contrary to the Kentucky Constitution. Moreover, according to the demographic data the House released after it passed this bill, this plan appears to dilute the voices of certain minority communities.

This the day of January, 2022.

Andy Beshear

Governor

