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Re: SC 18907, In re Petition of Reapportionment Commission, Ex. Rel.

Pursuant to the January 13, 2012 order of the Special Master requesting comment on the Special Master's Draft Report and Plan for Congressional Districts for the State of Connecticut, the Reapportionment Commission Democrats submit the following comments.

While the Special Master did not adopt the plan submitted by the Reapportionment Commission Democrats, his draft plan complies in all respects with this Court's January 3, 2012 Order, with federal law, and with Connecticut law. It achieves equal population among the districts while moving slightly fewer people and achieving slightly greater compactness than the Democrats' plan. Accordingly, we recommend that the Special Master's Report and Plan be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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