Dear Sirs/Madames;

Gerrymandering has caused political polarity. Secure districts where there is no competition outside of the entrenched party, have yielded we citizens a broken Congress. It is time to re-think how we draw up districts.

The recent census data is flawed. It doesn't collect whether a person is a citizen and therefore ineligible to vote. Reapportionment should be based on citizen count as they are the only persons eligible to select representatives. Despite the Voting Rights Act, here in Connecticut, there is no need to look at race or any other irrelevant criteria except the number of registered voters. Also districts should be drawn irrespective of party affiliation to begin to untangle the gridlock we have suffered for many Congresses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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