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"Testimony before the Reapportionment Committee"

Dear Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

I am writing to express my strongly held view that Wilton needs to have its own dedicated state representative whose job is dictated by the challenges and opportunities of the district.

A foundation of our democracy is local representation that understands and responds to a local community with particular needs and challenges.

Wilton and Norwalk have different concerns and priorities because they are towns of different size. Norwalk has well over a dozen schools – Wilton has four. Both towns would be much better served by grouping Wilton together in the same district with another small town with similar challenges. And Norwalk would be better served by a representative dedicated to addressing the needs of its residents.

One representative cannot fairly represent two constituencies with different needs, especially when each constituency represents approximately an equal percentage of the district's population. This leads to deadlocked decisions and the inability to solve local problems, leaving the needs of both communities wanting, or unfulfilled.

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