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Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. My name is Annalisa Stravato. My husband our children and I moved to Wilton after an exhausting search in 2000. After living in New York we were ready to settle in a small town that would afford us the opportunity to have more input and involvement in how our community functions and is run. Wilton is that town. This Wiltonian believes that the needs of a small town like Wilton when compared with that of a large city like Norwalk are completely diametric opposites. Large cities boast of lively nightlife, fun restaurants and bars. They demand their representatives focus their attention to shopping centers and public sewers while small towns offer quiet backyards with fire pits and bike trails. They require their representatives to focus their attention on what is best for local mom and pop shops and monies for snow plowing. With Wilton's population just over 18,000 it should be combined with a town that shares many similarities and characteristics that would provide a State Representative, who represents both towns, with an opportunity to concentrate on the issues of importance to towns of its size. I believe Wilton cannot be served by someone who must address both extremes. It is for these reasons I ask that there be great consideration given in combining Wilton with a smaller similar town. Wiltonians and their small town way of life should be afforded more than just a mathematical formula.

Thank you for your time.