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Dear esteemed members of the Reapportionment Committee:

I am writing to ask you to consider redistricting so that the town of Wilton has one main in-town state representative seat.

My name is Kim Healy of Wilton, CT. My husband and I moved to CT in 1994. We bought our first house in Norwalk which we owned for 15 years. The section of Norwalk that we lived in was referred to as the 6th taxing district – though we considered ourselves a village and if my memory serves me correct, the residents had in the past tried to break away from the city of Norwalk in the past and wished to be incorporated into the town of Darien. The attempts failed. We had our own elected commissioners who represented us at Norwalk town hall. Our village was very different from the urban areas of Norwalk. Our state representative seat covered my taxing district as well as the town of Darien, so even though that person did not live in my district, they did live in a very similar town/village type district. The needs of the two places at the state level would be almost the same.

Four kids later, we bought our home in Wilton in 2008. At that time and until 2018, we had the good fortune to have both our state senator and one of our state representatives live right in town. We would meet them often at all public events but also at church, the grocery store, eating out or just out about town. They were our neighbors, and they shared our state priorities.

Wilton's surrounding towns of our size- Darien, New Canaan, Westport, Ridgefield, all have representatives who resides in their town, who's top priority is to the interest of residents of their own town.

In the past, Wilton used to have its own in-town representative, but it was broken up due to typical gerrymandering considerations rather than was best for Wilton. According to CT constitution - Article 3, Sec. 4 states "For the purpose of forming assembly districts no town shall be

divided except for the purpose of forming assembly districts wholly within the town.

The needs of Wilton and Norwalk are vastly different. **Both municipalities deserve to be served appropriately with dedicated representation whose job is to make the town his or her absolute top priority.** I ask that you redraw the lines to have Wilton wholly in 1 representative district with a portion of one of our surrounding TOWNS to make up the difference.

Thank you for the work you do and for your consideration of my testimony.

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