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My name is Raymond Pech. I am from Barkhamsted, and am serving my 5<sup>th</sup> term as a Selectman. However, my thoughts stem from pure geography, not from my position as a Selectman. It is absurd that Barkhamsted is in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, not the 5<sup>th</sup>. We are a small, rural town, as is much of the 5<sup>th</sup> District. The “map” of the district looks like a scrawny hawk, with Hartford being the body, and the neck arcing up and over the western suburbs (Simsbury, Canton, etc.), with the head alighting in Barkhamsted. It makes no sense that those towns, which are east of Barkhamsted, are in the 5<sup>th</sup> district, while we are in the 1<sup>st</sup>. I realize that population must be considered in redistricting, but there must be a better way. Our voice is insignificant compared to Hartford, West Hartford, Glastonbury and many other towns in the 1<sup>st</sup>. We have much more in common, including population, with the other towns in the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ray Pech  
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