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**Connecticut 2011 Redistricting Project**  
**CGA Reapportionment Committee**  
**July 20, 2011 – 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm**  
**Hartford Public Hearing – LOB Room 2C**

Good Afternoon Senator Williams, Representative Cafero and distinguished members of the CGA Reapportionment Committee. My name is Representative Douglas McCrory from the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Hartford, CT and I would like the committee's reconsideration of any proposal suggesting a reduction of representation for the City of Hartford. Please allow me to explain my concerns.

In an effort to honor the "one person, one vote" theory (equal populations so that everyone's vote has equal importance) I cannot stress enough the importance to maintain the number of state senators and representatives from the City of Hartford. We are one of the state's most populous cities with an extremely diverse population. It is my belief that a reduction of representation would be detrimental to the voting process.

The City of Hartford has approximately 125,000 constituents. We have two state senators and six state representatives which translates to approximately 99,000 constituents per senator and 23,000 constituents per representative. Your committee's website suggests, "...the ideal populations will be 23,670 for a House district and 99,280 for a Senate district". We are currently within the "ideal" ratio of representation for constituents. Any reduction of House district representation would impair a representative's ability to be responsive to individual constituents.

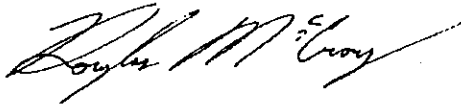
Minority representation is a strong factor as well. With the increase of the Hispanic population and the steady increase of the Black/African-American population, many of Hartford's constituents need and deserve to have representatives that are likely to vote consistent to their constituents' interests which may differ from non-minority representation. Changes made to the current status of representation for the City of

Hartford may result in a decrease in voter participation due to demographic disfranchisement.

The State of Connecticut's flagship city deserves its advocates in the legislature and deserves its current proportional representation. With your help, we can retain these well-sized districts that well accommodate the present population and its growth trajectory.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you would like to further discuss this issue with me, please call (860) 240-8515.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas McCrory". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Douglas McCrory  
State Representative – 7<sup>th</sup> District