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Good evening Reapportionment Committee Members,

I am Bob Goldberg and I live in Windsor. I have not been very active politically, but I am involved in several religious and charitable organizations, in Windsor, Bloomfield and State agencies

As a Windsor resident and voter, I want to share some perspectives with you. I vote for, and judge our elected officials, by their accessibility, position on issues, and attention to citizen opinions. What really matters is that the person we elect is willing to work for the residents of his or her entire District.

Using this standard, I feel fortunate to have people like Representatives David Baram, Peggy Sayers and Elaine O'Brien representing me. Even though two of these people represent other Windsor districts, I have always felt that I can approach any of them if I needed help, and I have.

I consider Windsor lucky to have three quality Representatives who care about our Town. All three are constantly visible and support all our community events. They stay in touch with local officials and staff, and communicate regularly in the local press. People know that our legislators work together for Windsor's common good, and that they achieve results. The Windsor residents I talk to, are most content with our Representatives and have never felt that they have been ignored or denied representation.

In Windsor we understand that our Representatives and Senators work jointly to get results. By having several legislators we are more likely to have a greater voice in the Legislature especially when addressing matters of importance to our Town. It is reassuring to know that each of our legislators has different backgrounds and expertise, so that on any given issue, one of them is likely to have the knowledge to provide guidance. It's not too different than choosing a medical firm, you usually want a group with several doctors with varied expertise. It gives you confidence that there is always somebody who is accessible and can serve your needs.

Issues such as the environment, budget, social services, transportation, affect the entire State. Voters should evaluate elected officials by what they accomplish, and whether their positions on issues are consistent with their own.

As a Windsor resident I am proud to have several people representing me in the State House of Representatives. They and their predecessors have always done an excellent job for the people of Windsor. It would be unfortunate to change relationships that have served Windsor so well over the years.

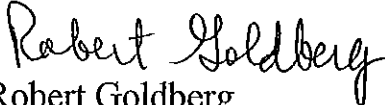
Consequently I urge this Committee to preserve our existing House districts, which allow Windsor residents the best possible representation. Our State Representatives need not live in town to be our advocates on State issues, or on local issues requiring State action. I am much more concerned about the quality of our officials and their ability to get the needed results.

Lastly it is important to note, that most of our towns with overlapping districts have much in common. Bloomfield and Windsor are often referred to as sister communities. Our demographics are similar, many people who live in one town work in the other, and there are numerous organizations, churches, synagogues, and clubs that draw members from both communities.

I have every confidence that our State Representatives and State Senators, are working with our local officials and staff, and are listening to our residents, and provide effective and responsive representation. I want to vote for the best people and Windsor has indeed been fortunate to have chosen well.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our views.

Very truly yours,

  
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