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With the 2020 census and congressional redistricting, one option to consider would be to redistrict based on town and city populations instead of geographical location.

Consider that:

- Bridgeport and Hartford have more in common than Bridgeport and Darien.
- Sherman and Sterling have more in common than Sherman and Waterbury.

Bridgeport and Hartford could have the same representative. Similarly, Sherman and Sterling could have the same representative.

To create new congressional districts based on city and town populations:

1. List each of the 169 cities and towns sorted by population
2. Separate the list into five groups of roughly equal population.

Attached in an example of this redistricting based on 2019 population estimates.

This option has the following benefits over geographical redistricting:

- Federal contracts (e.g. to Electric Boat, Sikorsky, or Pratt & Whitney) would likely benefit all districts encouraging all representatives to work together for Connecticut
- Allows representatives to focus on issues important to their communities (i.e. cities, suburbs, or rural areas)
- Allows both urban and rural areas to have representatives in Congress
- Eliminates appearance of political gerrymandering
- Same formula for redistricting can be reapplied every ten years after census
- Each city or town is in only one congressional district

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City / Town	City / Town Population	District Population
<b>District 1</b>		722,776
Bridgeport	144,399	
New Haven	130,250	
Stamford	129,638	
Hartford	122,105	
Waterbury	107,568	
Norwalk	88,816	
<b>District 2</b>		691,888
Danbury	84,694	
New Britain	72,495	
West Hartford	62,965	
Greenwich	62,840	
Fairfield	62,045	
Hamden	60,556	
Bristol	59,947	
Meriden	59,395	
Manchester	57,584	
Milford	54,747	
West Haven	54,620	
<b>District 3</b>		707,541
Stratford	51,849	
East Hartford	49,872	
Middletown	46,258	
Wallingford	44,326	
Southington	43,834	
Enfield	43,659	
Shelton	41,129	
Norwich	38,768	
Groton	38,436	
Trumbull	35,673	
Glastonbury	34,482	
Torrington	34,044	
Naugatuck	31,108	
Newington	30,014	
Vernon	29,359	
Cheshire	28,937	
Windsor	28,733	
East Haven	28,569	
Westport	28,491	
Branford	27,900	
<b>District 4</b>		705,553

Newtown	27,891
New London	26,858
New Milford	26,805
South Windsor	26,162
Wethersfield	26,008
Farmington	25,497
Mansfield	25,487
Simsbury	25,395
Ridgefield	24,959
Windham	24,561
North Haven	23,683
Guilford	22,133
Darien	21,728
Watertown	21,578
Bloomfield	21,211
Berlin	20,436
New Canaan	20,233
Rocky Hill	20,115
Bethel	19,800
Southbury	19,571
Monroe	19,434
Waterford	18,746
Ansonia	18,654
Stonington	18,559
Montville	18,508
East Lyme	18,462
Wilton	18,343
Avon	18,276
Madison	18,030
Plainville	17,534
Killingly	17,336
Brookfield	16,973
Wolcott	16,587

**District 5**

709,629

Ellington	16,467
Seymour	16,437
Suffield	15,814
Colchester	15,809
Plainfield	15,125
Ledyard	14,621
Tolland	14,618
North Branford	14,146
Orange	13,926
New Fairfield	13,878
Cromwell	13,839
Oxford	13,255

Clinton	12,925
Windsor Locks	12,854
East Hampton	12,800
Coventry	12,407
Derby	12,339
Stafford	11,893
East Windsor	11,668
Plymouth	11,598
Griswold	11,534
Granby	11,507
Somers	10,784
Winchester	10,604
Canton	10,254
Weston	10,252
Old Saybrook	10,061
Burlington	9,704
Prospect	9,702
Hebron	9,504
Woodbury	9,502
Putnam	9,389
Thompson	9,379
Portland	9,267
Redding	9,116
East Haddam	8,997
Woodbridge	8,750
Brooklyn	8,272
Haddam	8,193
Litchfield	8,094
Woodstock	7,858
Middlebury	7,798
Thomaston	7,535
Easton	7,521
Old Lyme	7,306
Durham	7,165
Lebanon	7,144
Westbrook	6,869
Essex	6,668
New Hartford	6,656
Killingworth	6,364
Marlborough	6,335
Beacon Falls	6,222
Willington	5,864
Bethany	5,548
Harwinton	5,420
Columbia	5,379
North Stonington	5,196
East Granby	5,140

Canterbury	5,079
Bolton	4,884
Preston	4,625
Deep River	4,443
Middlefield	4,374
Ashford	4,255
Lisbon	4,220
Chester	4,213
Pomfret	4,203
Salem	4,083
Sterling	3,782
Sherman	3,630
Barkhamsted	3,606
Salisbury	3,600
Washington	3,428
Bethlehem	3,402
North Canaan	3,251
Andover	3,236
Goshen	2,863
Sprague	2,859
Kent	2,777
Bozrah	2,726
Sharon	2,689
Voluntown	2,510
Lyme	2,316
Morris	2,254
Chaplin	2,239
Roxbury	2,152
Hartland	2,120
Franklin	1,920
Hampton	1,842
Eastford	1,790
Scotland	1,672
Bridgewater	1,635
Norfolk	1,630
Colebrook	1,400
Warren	1,395
Cornwall	1,362
Canaan	1,053
Union	839

Data from CT DPH web site for 2019.