Dear Committee,

I would like to submit the congressional map linked below for consideration in the redistricting process. I believe that this map achieves two things very well: it keeps communities of interest together and it is very compact. Even though counties mean very little in Connecticut, I went for minimal county splits, and no county smaller than a district is split. Similarly, I tried whenever possible not to split municipalities. I tried to make this map as partisan blind as possible, though this does lead to a Democratic advantage because of the state's political geography, though this is similar to how the current map is.

Link to the map: https://davesredistricting.org/join/99ef2bca-5473-4ffe-8f69-7d7e4878a1a5

District breakdown:

District 1: Entirely within Hartford County, including Hartford, New Britain, Bristol, Manchester, and the northern part of the I-91 corridor. I paired Hartford with small cities that are connected to it via I-91 and 84.

District 2: Eastern Connecticut, including the Quiet Corner and eastern coast. The district is mostly Middlesex, New London, Tolland, and Windham Counties, with a small slice in Hartford County for population equity.

District 3: Entirely within New Haven County, including the city of New Haven and surrounding areas, the Naugatuck Valley, and Meriden.

District 4: Entirely within Fairfield County, represents the NYC suburbs and the cities of Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport.

District 5: Covers the northwestern part of the state, taking in all of Litchfield and parts of Fairfield, New Haven, and Hartford counties. Includes the cities of Danbury, Waterbury, and East Hartford and rural areas in Litchfield County.

I hope that this map will be of use to the committee.

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