

Testimony Before the Reapportionment Committee  
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Dear Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

The purpose of Connecticut's form of representative government is to ensure that all citizens have a voice in Hartford. But 143<sup>rd</sup> House district, which is made up of nearly equal parts Norwalk and Wilton, makes it very difficult for our representative to hear both of us and cast a single vote that addresses all of our distinct issues.

Wilton is a small community compared to our more populous neighbor, Norwalk. We're also a comparatively rural community compared to the more urban Norwalk. And we're a well-established "bedroom suburb" compared to the young and thriving Norwalk.

We're neighbors but we have different interests, concerns, and challenges. We love Norwalk but we're not Norwalk. Yet, as far as the General Assembly is concerned, Wilton appears to be just another Norwalk neighborhood.

It would make far more sense for Wilton to share a district with a neighboring town that has similar challenges such as Ridgefield or Weston. That would allow not only Wilton to be heard in Hartford, but would also let Norwalk's clear voice be heard without any distortion from Wilton.

I ask that you consider pooling Wilton with a similar community when you make your redistricting decisions so that the intent of our representative government is more accurately realized.

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