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Dear Mr. Spinella and Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

I am a Republican and I like my Democratic Representative Catherine Abercrombie (83), but our gerrymandered district and others throughout the state are one of my five top concerns with issues facing the people of the state of Connecticut. I applaud the efforts of Mr. Erlingheuser from Ansonia, whom I have never met, in providing you a template for eliminating politics from redistricting.

I do not favor reapportionment which strikes a balance between Democrats and Republicans but instead clusters neighbors in geographic proximity, using town borders to the greatest extent possible. If this allows the possibility of giving voice to political parties not represented currently such as Libertarians and Working Families, it will benefit us all.

Regards & Good Health,

William Kirschner

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