

Testimony Before the Reapportionment Committee
September 14, 2021

Members of the Reapportionment Committee,

My name is Jake Lubel and I have been a resident of Wilton, Connecticut for two years. I live here with my wife and three young children ages 6, 5, and 2. We have lived in Connecticut for roughly seven years and have lived in three different towns/cities, though we ultimately decided to settle in Wilton because we became enticed by the small-town feel, the warmth of the people, and an high level of civic and community involvement.

As I came to learn after moving here, Wilton does not have its own representative in the Connecticut State House of Representatives. I live in the 143rd district, which is made up of roughly the same number of each Wilton and Norwalk residents. Norwalk and Wilton are far different places, with one being a bustling city and the other a medium-size town, both with far different needs, different sets of challenges, and different things being asked of our state representative. This state representative is pulled in two very different directions by constituents in the two towns, not to mention the small set of constituents in Westport with a completely different set of needs and challenges.

Today Wilton is the largest town in Connecticut that is split among multiple districts without having over half of its district made up by residents of that town. We are also the largest town without have a town resident as a state house member or state senator. Upon further investigation I came to understand that each of Connecticut's 151 house members represents roughly 23,000 residents, and with the recent census Wilton's population has now grown to over 18,500 residents, nearly large enough to constitute a house district itself.

I am asking this committee to allow Wilton to have its own house district that is largely comprised of our residents. We would very much like to have a representative with our best interest at heart, someone who will fight for us, and make us his or her first priority.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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