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My name is Kit Salazar-Smith and I was born in Waterbury,Ct and have lived, off & on in Waterbury,Ct for over 60years! As you may know, thiscommunity is one of the most depressed in Connecticut with a medium income of less than \$44,000.per year to feed a family; Yet often, because of a map, we are not represented in a way that the people and conditions honestly reflect how we live and what our issues are and the solutions that WE feel we need to better our lives, the lives of our families & neighbors. When hearings & meeting are announced one or two days in advanced and announced so obscurely that we may not even realize they are being set, it is almost as if the 'powers that be' are just paying 'lip service' and don't want to hear from the communities that are at times adversely affected! That us not honest democracy because it leaves many of us voters out of the equation, we don't get represented by someone who has 'lived our issues' , 'survived our conditions' and therefore can go to Hartford and/or Washington and speak from experience about our needs and the way our government can at times over look us! We need more open discussions with more notice and more access of when these meeting will take place, otherwise we are left disenfranchised and that is not,should not be considered the AMERICAN WAY. I humbly ask that the process be improved to allow all fair access so that our voices can be heard and we too can participate in making our communities better, for scholls, housing, environment & health conditions, for better employment opportunities

Thank you,
Kit Salazar-Smith

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