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Dear members of the Reapportionment Commission,

My name is Rachel Papalski, and I am a student at Trinity College currently enrolled in "Mathematics and Redistricting" with Professor Kyle Evans. We believe in fair maps and would like to share with you a congressional plan that was created using Dave's Redistricting.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/edaab2ed-5852-491e-9874-865a24160e60>

**We believe that this map is fair for the following reasons:**

- It maintains the core of existing districts/regions in Connecticut: Fairfield County, New Haven, Hartford, Danbury/Waterbury, and Eastern Connecticut.
- Our population deviation is 0.37%, with only a 2,694-person difference between the most and least populous districts.
- We did not use incumbent addresses in our process.
- Our districts are more compact than the current congressional plan.
- We kept town borders intact as much as possible and only split 1 town strictly for minimizing the population deviation.
- We feel that this map reflects the increasing diversity of the state, with two districts having over 40% minority populations.
- With two politically competitive districts, we feel that this map promotes democracy.

Thank you for your consideration of our work in this important process.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Papalski

