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September 13, 2021

Re: *Census Redistricting*

Dear Senator Kelly & Representative Haddad,

Thank you for holding the in-person and virtual hearings to listen to Connecticut residents on the impact of Redistricting in our communities. The dramatic events that our state has endured during the pandemic, has changed our way of life as we know it.

My goal is that we can find common ground for a process that includes underrepresented communities as well as communities of color that, in the past, were not included in the district line drawing.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "the COVID-19 pandemic has brought social and racial injustice and inequity to the forefront of public health. It has highlighted that health equity is still not a reality as COVID-19 has unequally affected many racial and ethnic minority groups.

Our communities are more at risk now than in many years. The Census data show that CT has become more ethnically and racially diverse.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Reapportionment Committee. I look forward to working together for a fair, transparent redistricting in Connecticut that will benefit all of our residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldo C. Reyes Jr." in a cursive script.

Geraldo Reyes Jr.