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Dear Senator Kelly, Rep. Haddad, and members of the Reapportionment Committee,

My name is Robert A. Maddox, Jr. of Bethlehem, CT. I am a former State Representative and realize the difficult task you have to accomplish and limited time to do so.

My suggestion is that the committee increase the number of State Representative seats to 159, thus lowering the ideal district to a population of 22,678, from 23,880.

There are three main reasons for this suggestion.

First, this suggestion is rooted in my belief that the closer people are to their elected representatives, the better. I have the privilege of living in a small town that stills operates via a town meeting. In many ways, this is the purest form of democracy we have in Connecticut. Keeping government close to the people they represent should be the ultimate goal of redistricting.

Second if districts are drawn in a manner that incorporates areas into areas that fairly homogeneous districts, it will help reduce mis-trust in government and increase representation of under represented positions and people.

Finally, if my calculations are correct, this will help urban areas, that have lost population, maintain the same number of seats, thus making the redistricting process in a more orderly and fair manner.

Thank your hard work and for considering this suggestion.

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