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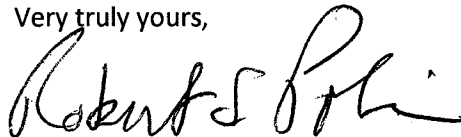
Re: Special Master's Draft Report and Plan for Congressional Districts

Dear Chief Justice Rogers,

The Town of Durham supports the Special Master's Draft Report and Plan for Congressional Districts as it pertains to the Town of Durham. Durham's interest in the congressional redistricting was to insure to Durham's citizens a plan that would mitigate some of the hardships caused by the Reapportionment Commission's legislative redistricting which split Durham into four parts by uniting Durham (previously split into two congressional districts) into one congressional district. Durham has maintained a neutral position as to which district, 2nd or 3rd, the town would be placed.

The Supreme Court sitting as a legislative as well as a judicial body has by virtue of its own prior decision in *Fonfara v Reapportionment Commission*, 222 Conn 166, 173 the right to invoke its equity authority and do equity, in this case for the citizens of Durham. On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Durham, I respectfully ask the Court to affirm the recommendation of the Special Master to unite previously split Durham into the 3rd Congressional District.

Very truly yours,



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