

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

NO. SC 18907

IN RE PETITION OF REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION, EX. REL.

MEMORANDUM ON THE REDISTRICTING MAP TO BE PROPOSED BY THE SPECIAL
MASTER FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

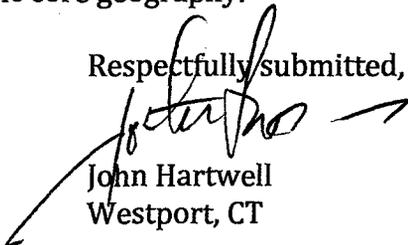
We respectfully submit the following petition signed by 2083 people:

“Keep Bridgeport in the 4th Congressional District. Urge the
Reapportionment Commission to preserve historical precedent -- not to
carve Bridgeport out and put it with New Haven.”

Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford have been represented by the same
Congressional District since the 1800's, and there is a clear community of interest in
Fairfield County with a shared history, inter-dependent economic base, and multiple
regional organizations serving the various cities and towns.

Given the minor adjustments needed to conform the District to the requirements of
the 2010 census, and absent any compelling reason to disturb the political
arrangement which has served the people of this region for nearly two hundred
years, we urge the Special Master to retain the essential nature of the Fourth
Congressional District and its historic core geography.

Respectfully submitted,



John Hartwell
Westport, CT

Dear The Connecticut State House, The Connecticut State Senate, and Governor Dan Malloy,

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming one simple statement:

"Keep Bridgeport in the 4th Congressional District. Urge the Reapportionment Commission to preserve historical precedent -- not to carve Bridgeport out and put it with New Haven."

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this petition, as well as additional comments written by the petition signers themselves.

Sincerely,
Elsa Peterson Obuchowski



Let the District Be Unbroken

Keep Bridgeport in the 4th Congressional District. Urge the Reapportionment Commission to preserve historical precedent -- not to carve Bridgeport out and put it with New Haven.

The Connecticut Supreme Court has called for the appointment of a "special master" to resolve the redistricting impasse for U.S. Congressional districts. Republicans want to gerrymander Bridgeport out of the 4th District (currently represented by Jim Himes) and lump it together with New Haven (currently represented by Rosa DeLauro). This politically motivated plan would quarantine southwestern Fairfield County into a non-competitive "safe" Republican district and silence the voices of Democratic and minority voters in cities like Norwalk, Stamford, and Danbury.