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Good morning! I am a teacher and am unable to make the hearing but I would like my comments to be added to the record.

I would like to emphasize that neither proposal meets the requirements set out in Section 1903(b) of V.S.A. Title 17.

Specifically "(2) recognition and maintenance of patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests;" Bridport is not a member of either of these school districts although families may cross lines, school connections current, future, and past account for a great majority of social contacts and connections.

And "(3) use of compact and contiguous territory." For a state that repeatedly has tried and in some cases passed a fossil fuels tax, why would we make districts that are so spread out that traveling from one end to the other can not only take almost an hour but expend more fossil fuels and thus add to the carbon issue?

Finally, in Bridport, we met and talked about using computer-generated models to take the first stab at redistricting. Why not do this first, see if there are any issues second, and stop protecting the people that are currently elected. Shouldn't this conversation be more about fairly representing all the people rather than protecting a position?

Thank you,

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