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**House Government Operations Committee** 

The Arlington Board of Civil Authority recommends a single member district for Arlington, Sunderland and Sandgate for the following reasons.

Sunderland shares many common interests with Arlington and Sandgate including infrastructure, a post office, and even a water system There is ongoing social interaction between Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland within our school system, and our Recreational Park. Geographically, Arlington and Sunderland border each other with easy access on the many roads and bridges that join the two towns. The political ties between the Select Boards are evident in their shared participation in area committees regarding recycling & trash, a communication districts as well as our regional commission. The Arlington and Sunderland boards co-sponsor services and have a long running tradition of working together. Our town highway crews help each other out, and the Towns of Sunderland and Sandgate even allocate funds for the upkeep of Arlington Recreation Park.

The BCA of Town of Arlington strongly urges the House Committee on Government Operations to include Sunderland in the BEN-3 one-member district with Arlington and Sandgate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Arlington Board of Civil Authority