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Vermont General Assembly

Office of Legislative Counsel

Attn: Reapportionment

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The Hinesburg Board of Civil Authority met on February 7, 2022 to discuss H.589 which was approved by the House of the General Assembly. The BCA of Hinesburg unanimously approved a change to the proposed map which would minimize the disruption for the town's citizens for the next decade. The proposed alternative maps for CHI-4-1 and CHI-4-2 are attached to this email.

At their meeting on October 27, 2021 the Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Hinesburg unanimously recommended that the town remain intact as a single member district. H.589 did not approve our request but did alter the lines to only include the areas of Hinesburg that directly abut the Town of Charlotte in the CHI-4-1 district. However, given that the committee suggested that proposals must be within the highest high deviation of 7.5% and the lowest low deviation of -7.9%, Hinesburg would like to submit the attached proposed alternate maps for consideration. The numbers represented in these attached maps for both CHI-4-1 and CHI-4-2 are within the committee's parameters.

The Southwest corner of Hinesburg with a population of 58 has been included with CHI-4-1 for the past 10 years and those voters are accustomed to being in that District, though they are not happy with the situation. We are proposing simply adding the next census block to the north with a population of 26 citizens, and which abuts both the Town of Charlotte and the section of Hinesburg that has been part of CHI-4-1 for the past decade. We would like to impact

the fewest voters possible in the redistricting process and therefore respectfully request that you consider the proposal illustrated by the attached maps.

Our proposal shifts 102 people back to CHI-4-2 from the CHI-4-1 District as approved in H.589. This shift yields a population of 4592 for CHI-4-2 for a deviation of 305 above the "ideal" district of 4287 and a percent deviation of 7.11, well under the "Highest High of 7.5%". Similarly, by reducing CHI-4-1 by the same 102 individuals one is left with a population of 4018 or 269 below the ideal district of 4287 and a percent deviation of -6.69%, also within the boundaries established by the legislation. Given these numbers, it seems reasonable for H.589 to be amended to take our proposal into consideration and approve the changes set forth herein and on the attached maps.

We would like to reiterate that our ideal would be to retain ALL of the citizens of Hinesburg as members of CHI-4-2 in order to respect the integrity of the town boundaries. However, we recognize that this proposal has already been overruled by the Legislative Redistricting Board despite our recommendation and that this may not be possible. We therefore respectfully request that H.589 be amended to reflect our compromise position at a minimum and that the boundaries be redrawn to match those shown on our proposed amended maps. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to having this process completed.

Sincerely,

Melissa B. Ross

Town Clerk