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Hi,

I am emailing to provide feedback in regards to the redistricting of Westmore. I would like to advocate for a 3 town 1 member representation with Westmore, Barton and Brownington. Westmore has for years at the local school level and at the state level not had a huge voice. We as a town pay to a tune of 1.5 million dollars to the state education fund and raise 100% of our school budget to the amount of about \$500k. All because of the value of our grand list. I can honestly attest to the fact that those that live here full time a majority of us are not wealthy. The status of "gold" town is a sensitive subject due to our ever increasing education tax rates. While our neighboring town Barton gets a million dollars to offset their 2 million school budget, we get zero. In my opinion that is not equitable and it seems no one ever really listens to us about this concern. We have never had the best representation. I feel a 3 town 1 member representation would give Westmore a more equitable representation and a larger voice at the table. Thank you for your consideration.

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