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Amerin L. Aborjaily
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Re: Westminster 2022 Redistricting

Dear Attorney Aborjaily,

The BCA of Westminster proposes a change to the 2022 Legislative Reapportionment LAB Alternate Plan.

According to the NEW-WHD-3 Plan, Westminster has been conjoined as a district with Rockingham and Brookline. We propose instead that Westminster, Putney, and Dummerston be returned to their current district configuration (WDM-4) with the addition of Brookline to form a four-town, two-representative district. The population of this arrangement would be 8038. Rockingham, with its population of 4832, could then stand alone as a one-representative district.

The three towns in WDM-4 have been aligned since the 1980 census and have close political, social, and agricultural relationships. Route 5 and Westminster Road connect travel and commerce within the 3 towns. Brookline has been more closely aligned geographically and culturally with Newfane and the towns in the West River Valley rather than our three-town district in the Connecticut River Valley. But we understand the need of the LAB to include Brookline in the 2022 reapportionment in order to bring the population total to the desirable two-representative district population figure.

Your consideration of these changes in determining the final reapportionment would be greatly appreciated by our Board and Westminster residents.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Waldo
Susan Roman

For the Westminster BCA

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