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Commission Secretary,  
Constituency Commission,  
Room 1.65,  
Customs House,  
Dublin 1.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to you with regards to the electoral constituency division in the county of Carlow.

I am a 30 year old lady, who married into Williamstown, Rathvilly five years ago and have found it very unusual and frustrating that my closest TD is 60 kilometres away, in a different country, Wicklow. While I am living 7 km from the Wicklow border, I grew up in County Cork, 4 km from the Waterford border and always have had local East Cork representation.

I have always cast my vote but unfortunately I feel it has little value currently, as there is little connection between the Wicklow TD's to my area. If at any occasion I require assistance, I must contact the Carlow TD whom I cannot vote for.

I also find it frustrating and disheartening that while I receive newsletters and contribute to Wicklow TD's surveys, since the last election there is minimal to NO mention of East Carlow in their regular written updates.

Also, in the last election, I was not approached by any candidate or their representative for my vote which I find really extremely disappointing and unusual and reinforces that my vote has no value in the Wicklow constituency.

I greatly request for the Rathvilly, Hacketstown and Clonmore communities to be able to vote for Carlow TD's to allow for my 3 children to reap the benefits of their vote in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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