

Brenda A. Wise

From: Ann Casey <ajcaseylaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs is not part of the Adirondack north country

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Dear Sir or Madame:

I write to respond to the proposed removal of Saratoga Springs from the 20th Congressional District pursuant to the proposed redistricting maps released earlier today. The interests of the residents of Saratoga Springs have traditionally aligned with the interests of other residents of the Capital Region immediately to our south. For instance, far more of us commute south every day for work, shopping or study than travel north. Many Saratogians work at Global Foundries in the town of Halfmoon; shop in Clifton Park; and study (or teach) at UAlbany. Our entertainment venues, rather than lying in communities in the Adirondack foothills, include Proctor's Theater in Schenectady and Capital Repertory Theater in Albany.

Saratoga Springs is itself a tourism destination, of course, and many of our regular visitors are from Albany, Schenectady and communities in southern Saratoga County. An even greater number of visitors to Saratoga Springs, the second most-visited destination in the State, are from further downstate or out of state, representing a diverse and more culturally-varied cross section of the public than can be found in any part of the north country of New York.

Finally, our interests as a thriving city offering world-class cultural and equine athletic facilities are much more connected with the seat of New York State government in Albany; the international workforce in Halfmoon; and the nationally-recognized theater in Schenectady. While we may head to the Adirondacks for recreation, citizens of Saratoga

Springs have a great deal more in common with our neighbors to the south than with communities to our north and our traditional position within the 20th District has recognized that long-standing connection to the Capital Region.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed district map and return Saratoga Springs to the 20th District with our Capital Region neighbors.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Ann J Casey

(Ann C Bullock home address: 86 Lincoln Ave Saratoga Springs NY)

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Casey and Casey
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After twenty-seven years, Casey and Casey will be closing in July, 2022. Mr. Casey will, at last, take a well-earned retirement (after nearly 55 years in practice!) and Ann will be joining the team at Stewart Title Insurance Company in Schenectady.

In preparation for this transition, we will not be accepting any new matters at this time, but will recommend counsel should you wish.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: brent bashaw <thunrum@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 5:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs

Please keep Saratoga Springs in the Capital District, as we are Capital District.

Thanks,

Brent

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Brenda A. Wise

From: brian bennett <brian.bennett1970@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs

Dear Sir/Madam

I am currently a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs and would like to request that my city remain in the 20th Congressional District and not be moved into a different CD. Saratoga Springs is an integral part of the Capital Region and as such should remain in the current CD that includes the Capital Region. Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Bennett

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dillon Moran <dillon.moran@saratogadems.org>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 5:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - ED 20

Dear Special Master,

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Regards,

Dillon Moran
Saratoga Springs NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lorraine Gudas <lorraine.gudas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:23 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 12th Congressional district redistricting

The redistricting that combines Nadler's and Maloney's two districts into one district is OUTRAGEOUS. Why is the court allowing a trainee without a faculty position!!!! in another state to redraw the districts so close to an election? Jonathan Cervas is so inexperienced and still in training. How on earth can a student trainee be allowed to draw the redistricting map for New York State!!! RIDICULOUS. The judge should throw this new map drawn by an inexperienced student out immediately. You shouldn't ignore the political history of an area (Maloney and Nadler are both excellent Representatives and should both be allowed to compete as incumbents in separate districts) and just look at demographics. Given the complexity of this situation, the old districts used in prior elections should be used for this next election.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Dr. Lorraine Gudas
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New York, NY 10028

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ken Grey <kgrey@marshallsterling.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistributing proposal

> As a resident and business leader in the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs is an integral partner with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to the communities of Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam-including my firm with offices in Troy and Scotia-as the largest independently owned insurance agency in the region. Our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

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> I appreciate your consideration of this request.

> Sincerely, Ken Grey 38 Fifth Ave, Saratoga Springs NY 12866

> Sr VP Marshall & Sterling Insurance, 125 High Rock Ave, Saratoga
> Springs NY 12866 kgrey@marshallsterling.com

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Catherine Hover <catherine@palettecommunity.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: We are the Capital Region

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you,
Catherine

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lyn Hill <lyn395@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional and State Senate Redistricting

Dear Sir,
I would appreciate it if you would upload the following message:

It appears that the triangular Northwestern tip of Park Slope, bounded by St. Marks Place, Fourth Avenue and Flatbush Avenue has been cut off from the rest of the Park Slope Community in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts. As a long-time resident of this neighborhood, I respectfully ask that you reconsider this change and reconnect these few blocks with their rightful community.

Sincerely,
Lyn Hill

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Lyn S. Hill
395 Bergen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Antoinette Moran <tonimo3@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Antoinette Moran
Saratoga Springs, New York

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Suzanne Kwasniewski <zuzia007@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: re-districting of Saratoga Springs Congressional District

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Suzanne Kwasniewski
126 White Street
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rita Forbush <rita.forbush32@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Redistricting - Saratoga Springs, NY

I am a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district based in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic, educational and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you.

Rita Forbush
14 Westbury Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY. 12866
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Molly Quist <quistmolly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

I am a resident of Amsterdam. I am sure you are well aware of the challenges our city is facing. We have a team of leaders now that are working hard for us, and until today I have never been more optimistic about our future. Recently CDTA announced they are bringing bus service to Amsterdam. Our United Way has merged with the Capital District to support our local agencies.

To continue moving in positive direction, Amsterdam needs to stay with the Capital District. I worked for 36 years for GE, in Albany and Schenectady, and many of our residents work for NYS. I implore you to keep our ties to the Capital District.

Molly Quist
458 Locust Ave Amsterdam NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lawrence Fein <lawrencefein@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistributing

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As a resident of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you

Lawrence and Ronda Fein

3 Jennifer Ct, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Maya Valentin <mhl.valentin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Elise Stefanik

Mr. Wise,

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Sincerely,
Maya Valentin

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Maya Valentin, RN

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jacob Block <jacobyakovblock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 7:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on Special Master's redistricting Map

I grew up just outside the Village of Ballston Spa, and for the last four years have lived in the City of Saratoga Springs. I know both communities intimately. I know they are both part of a larger community, the municipalities of which are intertwined. Every morning I commute to school in Troy, my neighbors to work in Albany, Schenectady, and Malta. I- like the rest of my classmates at Ballston Spa Central School District- were born in Saratoga Hospital. It's where we and our peers from Burnt Hills and Galway would go every weekend to walk downtown, and every Fourth of July to watch the fireworks set off in Congress Park or arching up and over from the other side of the lake. Saratoga is part of a community of interdependent communities we call the Capital Region. Its borders are distinct; the people within them interact much more regularly than with those outside them.

I was frustrated than to see the new congressional district map proposed by the Special Master's. This map split Saratoga Springs off from the rest of that Capital Region, putting it and Amsterdam (another place which belongs in any capital region congressional district) in the 21st congressional district, which mostly coincides with an area known as the North Country. The North Country is much more rural and red than Saratoga. Our residents do not commute into it. We do not frequent its towns or stores or places of worship.

Gerrymandered congressional districts are a problem. But arbitrarily drawn congressional districts are a problem too. Maybe a bigger one. The goal of the House is to give real communities the capacity to represent themselves in congress. If we must choose between drawing congressional districts which are maximally competitive and drawing congressional districts which reflect the borders of real communities, we should choose the latter. To do otherwise is to disenfranchise those communities for the sake of an enforced reality. A reality which states the collective political identity of a place is as malleable as lines on a map.

Respectfully,
Jacob Block

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Brenda A. Wise

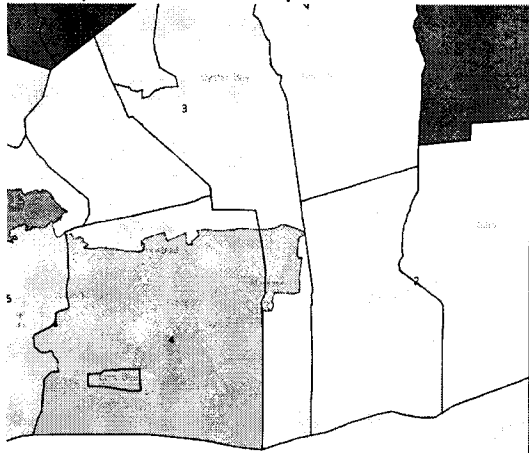
From: Peter Haywood <phaywoodnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on Redistricting Maps

To Special Master Cervas and any whom it may concern,

I want to thank you very much for your work on New York's new maps. As a lifelong resident, I am very happy with the outcome and firmly believe that this will lead to fair and competitive elections across our state. I think that it is important to remember that districts aren't drawn for incumbents. I am particularly happy with the 12th congressional district, which finally gives Manhattan its very own district. However, there are some concerns I would like to comment on and provide potential remedies for.

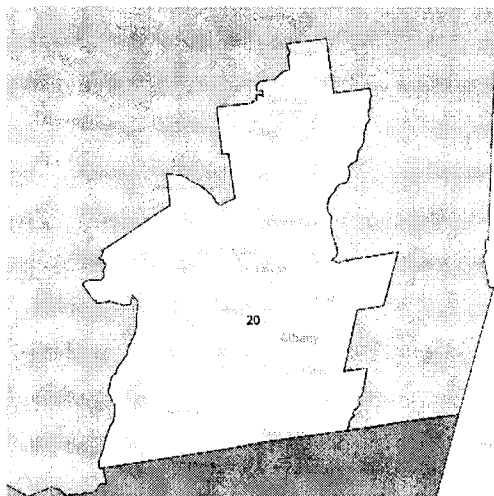
For the congressional map, I have four areas of concern:

1. I do not believe that the 3rd district on Long Island, primarily a North Shore district, should extend to the South Shore. I get that its weird leg follows the municipal boundaries of Oyster Bay, but I believe that one extra municipal split is a worthy trade-off to keep the South Shore together. Here is a possible solution to this:

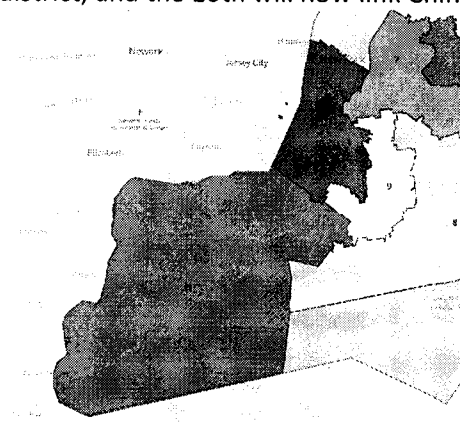


The one downside to this is that it would make the 3rd district less competitive, but I believe that is a worthy trade off to keep communities of interest together. This also makes the 2nd and 4th districts slightly more competitive.

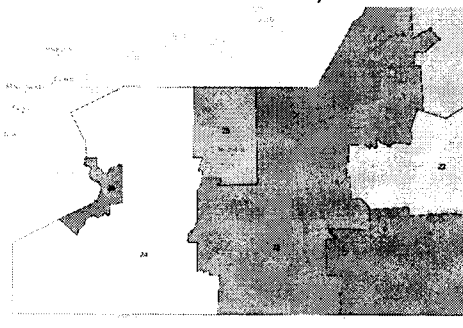
2. I do not understand why Saratoga Springs has been removed from the Capital Region district. It is quite easy to keep the city with Albany, where many residents commute to. I propose a solution that would put Saratoga back in the 20th district in exchange for giving eastern Rensselaer County, which fits much better with the rural character of the 21st district than the urban/suburban 20th, to the 21st.



3. I do not think that Sunset Park and Red Hook are a good fit for the Staten Island based district. I propose a solution that puts them in the 10th district, puts the primarily Orthodox community of Borough Park in the 9th, and puts Bath Beach & Bensonhurst in the 11th. I believe that these neighborhoods along the Belt Parkway are a better fit for the district, and the 10th will now link Chinese Americans in Lower Manhattan & South Brooklyn together.



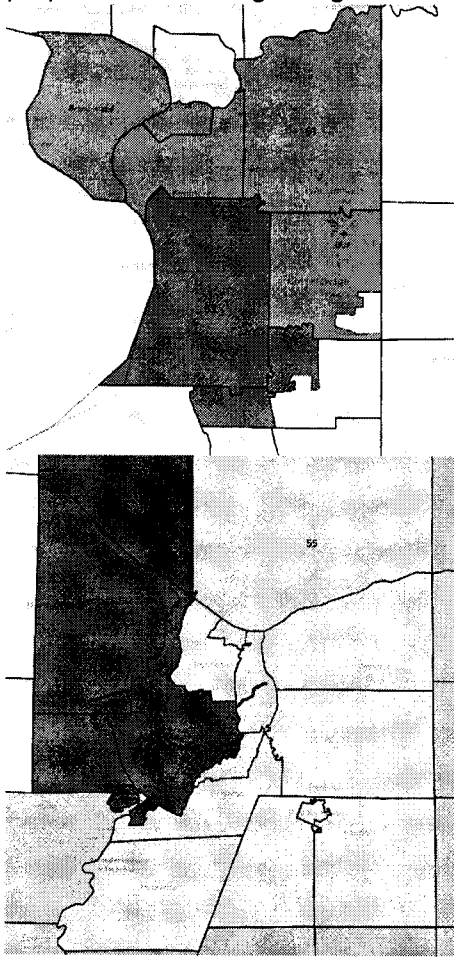
4. I think that suburban Buffalo will be lacking in representation by being drawn into three districts, two that stretch quite far across the state. Watertown is many hours away from Erie County. I also believe that the rural northern/eastern part of Niagara County is not a good fit for the urban Buffalo seat. Same goes for the 25th going into Orleans County, giving it the suburban town of Victor instead makes more sense. I'm not thrilled about a district going from Elmira to Watertown, but I believe it is necessary to improve other districts.



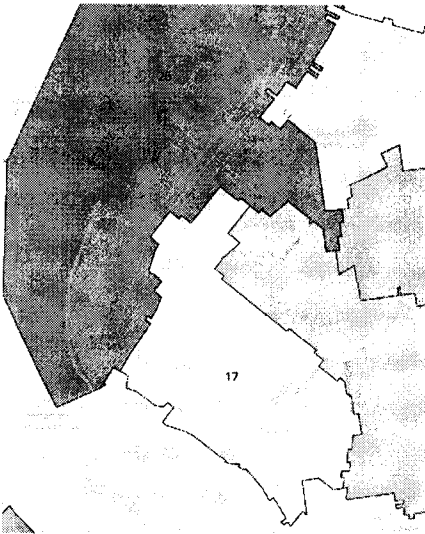
You may find my modified version of the congressional map here: <https://davesredistricting.org/join/8b38f333-b6f1-4444-a5ff-18b960eda3c3>

I wish to express three concerns with the State Senate map, again all fairly minor.

1. I believe that the map unnecessarily splits Buffalo and Rochester in ways that will hurt minority representation. I propose the following configurations that are intended to keep communities of interest together:



2. I really appreciate the drawing of an Asian American opportunity seat in South Brooklyn. However, I believe that the border between the 17th and 26th districts could do a better job of respecting neighborhood boundaries.



3. Finally, a really minor thing, I believe that the town of New Windsor in Orange County should be with Newburgh, and that it is a better fit for the district than Montgomery.



You may find my modified State Senate map here: <https://davesredistricting.org/join/b72b6e58-f8ee-4e96-af74-833187e44d4c>

Thank you so much for reading this absurdly long comment and for your service to the state of New York. I immensely appreciate it.

Peter Haywood
New York City

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carol Godette <carolg308@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:20 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please don't change my Congress representative!

> As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

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> I appreciate your consideration of

Carol Godette

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Catherine Hebert <czhebert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional map draft

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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Thank you,
Catherine Hebert

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