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**From:** meredith glabman <meredithglabman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Columbia County & Redistricting

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and build for the future.

M. Glabman  
Craryville (Taghkanic) NY

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**From:** Evan Woodworth <worthwood94@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I want to keep the 20th district as is.

Sincerely,

Evan Woodworth  
Capital Region Resident

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**From:** Debora Winn <dwinn01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Columbia County & Redistricting

Columbia County should be part of a contiguous Congressional district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties when redistricted. We are neither urban nor suburban--we belong as a unified Columbia County community with neighboring counties--Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster and Greene.

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Debora Winn  
Chatham NY

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**From:** michele feinstein <mfeinste@nycap.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

please keep Saratoga springs in the 20th congressional district

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**From:** Lisa Guttenberg <guttenbergl@smik8.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, 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. Amsterdam strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities, and just this month it was announced that the Capital District Transportation Authority would be expanding its service into Amsterdam. Placing Amsterdam 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 Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Guttenberg

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**From:** Paul Dietrich <pdietr1947@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Please keep Amsterdam in the Capitol District Area group.  
Paul Dietrich, 43 Garden Street, Amsterdam, NY pdietr1947@aol.com

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**From:** Suzanne Carreker-Voigt <voigtny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The new re-districting of the 20th and the change of my long serving and much respected representative , Congressman Tonko is devastating. Tonko has represented our district well and the capital district is a very united community that should not be divided. There is little to unite the areas north of the capital district with us and they should have their own representation. Also, it is ridiculous for a representative to have to run out of the town in which he lives and has lived his whole life.

Please reconsider this re-districting lines.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Carreker-Voigt  
Charlton NY

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**From:** Joanna Lasher <jolasher65@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam have always been grouped with the capital district because of similar needs and concerns. Changing this seems unreasonable especially when it was North Country population that was lost, costing a representative.

Joanna Lasher Galway

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**From:** Susannah Sulzman <susannahs5542@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

To the "Special Master:"

The 20th Congressional District shares a long history of mutual interests and concerns, and, as a voter in this district, I'm writing to ask you to keep the 20th as it is now!

This area is different from the districts farther north of the Capital region, not only because it's more urban, but because it's traditionally more Democratic, and shares both the CDTA and the SUNY systems. Separating Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam from the rest of the Capital Region would not serve our district well, and I ask you to please not separate our cities.

Thank you for your attention.

Susannah Sulzman

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**From:** Ross Garmil <rossgarmil@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:24 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

As a resident of NY20, I strongly disagree with the proposed redistricting plan. Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam are part of this region and should remain in the same district as Albany Schenectady and Troy. Thank you.

Ross Garmil  
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**From:** Patrick Gabriel <ptrckgabriel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:54 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Special Master,

The Capital Region historically has been kept together in the same Congressional District for good reason - the shared communities and cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have deep roots binding them together.

Do not split apart the 20th Congressional District.

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**From:** Cheryl Zwiren <czwiren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Redistricting

My name is Cheryl Zwiren. I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

In the state legislatures plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest has been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district.

We ask that in your final draft you put the neighborhoods of Kew Gardens Hills, Pomonok, Electchester, and Hillcrest into the district you drew of central Queens with Forest Hills, Rego Park, Middle Village, and Glendale. Please remove Ozone Park and Richmond Hill as they are not the same communities of interest as we are to the neighborhoods mentioned above.

Sincerely

Cheryl J. Zwiren

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**From:** Y Adler <yeadler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:55 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** District zones

My name is Mr Yehuda Adler,

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Sincerely,

A concerned resident - Yehuda Adler

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