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**From:** Janet Glocker <janetglocker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** my right to fair elections

May 17, 2022

**Re: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps**

Dear Honorable McAllister:

I think gerrymandering is the cause of so many of our statae's and country's problems. I fully support the redrawn maps. It's time to get more community-minded and less partisan. Shame on us (the Democrats) that the disparity between the Special Master's maps and those drawn by the Dems is so stark.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope lots of people take advantage of this opportunity to uphold fairness and our right to vote responsibly.

Sincerely,

Janet Glocker

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**From:** Verspoor, Roy <rverspoor@kingston-ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:56 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Letter from Mayor Noble of Kingston  
**Attachments:** Mayor Noble Comments on Congressional Districting.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from Mayor Noble regarding the recent Congressional re-districting.

Thank you,  
Roy

Roy Verspoor, Secretary to the Mayor  
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**CITY OF KINGSTON****Office of the Mayor**

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

Steven T. Noble  
MayorMay 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022Steuben County Supreme & County Court  
3 East Pulteney Square  
Bath, NY 14810

To the Honorable Judge Patrick F. McAllister,

I am writing today to express my serious concerns over the newly drafted Congressional maps and how they pertain to the City of Kingston, New York. Just this past Friday, our City celebrated 150 years of bringing two villages together to form our City, and now just a few days later, our community is literally being oddly split through this redistricting process. One small city that is less than 7 square miles should not be separated into multiple congressional election districts, especially when we are only talking about 7,000 residents. When a city is carved up in such a way, representation is muddled and under-represented voices can be marginalized even more, or worse disappear.

These changes will be incredibly confusing for voters, as these new districts do not align with local political boundaries or even geographical landmarks. These maps also add more obstacles and difficulties for our local Board of Elections to manage during our election cycles. I would propose that all of the City of Kingston be added to NY 18 and changes be made to the NY 19 district to allow for that.

I hope that you will strongly consider that the City remain whole in any congressional redistributing because, in their current form, these lines are not best suited to equitably serve the people of the City of Kingston.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble  
Mayor

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**From:** Ed Cunniff <edcunn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:58 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

We need to keep the Capital District Region together - Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam, Saratoga - because of the shared values and common needs of the citizen residents. We are so sick of our area, the traditional Capital District , being short-changed in favor of the New York City area and the Buffalo area, both of which have much more sway in obtaining benefits for their areas than we do in the Capital District. We are also sick of our Blue Democratic state being fleeced monetarily in support of low tax Red Republican states which contribute much less and get much more back from the federal government. Also, these same red states have successfully gerrymandered their voting districts with little or no opposition, insuring their success in elections despite the democratic voting factions in those areas. By breaking up our voting district, you will further weaken our ability to have the quality of representation in Washington that we need and deserve. Don't divide us any further.

Edward J. Cunniff  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

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**From:** Jason Trotter <jasonftrotter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:13 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** NY congressional map

Splitting the Capital district's Congressional district will only hinder those of us in this district in having a unified voice in DC. Please reconsider this action.

Respectfully,  
Jason Trotter

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**From:** Richard Miller <rkmsail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** 20th district

Please keep the district similar to the way it is presently configured.

Thank you,  
Richard Miller

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**From:** spookmama@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Why on earth would someone on the Canadian border have the same needs and concerns as someone in the Capital District? I live in Saratoga Springs, I own property in Amsterdam, all of my doctors are in Albany. This is the capital region. We are a united area, intertwined, facing the same issues. We deserve the same representation. Despite this harsh divide in politics right now, do the RIGHT THING.

Thank you.

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**From:** Mjb633 <mjb633@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Sir,

I am a 40 year resident in the Capital District Area of New York and have voted for the majority of that time. I am writing to express my concern about breaking up the 20th Congressional district and allocating the Cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs to be part of the 21st Congressional district. This concerns me greatly as these two cities are considered to be a part of the capital region. Many of their residents are state employees and as such have similar views on what is important to their cities, and the state as a whole.

It is my belief that keeping the district as it is currently drawn helps to maintain the sense of community shared by these cities and towns throughout these many years.

I ask that you reconsider the lines you have created for the new 20th CD and redraw them to include Amsterdam and Saratoga.

Thank You  
Sincerely,

Michael Blue  
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Latham, NY 12110.

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**From:** William Farry <farrywm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please keep the 20th Congressional District intact. It best represents the people of the Capital region as-is.

Regards,  
Bill Farry

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ivan Mathisen <ivanmathisen2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:02 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Letter to Court

Dear Special Master Dr. Cervas,

I am writing to encourage you to remain steadfast in your wise decision to construct New York's 20th Congressional District as you chose to on the map released May 16th. While many voices are bound to protest Amsterdam's exclusion from this District, their motivations for doing so are transparently partisan, and are likely aimed solely at seeking to preserve a certain incumbent's political power. Objective and legal criteria for drawing congressional district maps, on the other hand, vindicate the map you have already created. According to the official Empire State Development Corporation, New Yorks' Capital Region does not include Montgomery County. Indeed, Amsterdam is far removed from the Capital Region -- geographically, culturally, and politically -- and it is not an area of shared interest with the tri-city region of Albany, Troy, and Schenectady. The fact that there are plans in the works to direct a small amount of CDTA buses to that region is immaterial. Residents of the Capital Region virtually never find themselves in Amsterdam for any reason, and some Amsterdam residents who commute into the Capital Region cannot be taken as a reason to include the former in the latter's Congressional District.

Sincerely Yours,

Ivan Mathisen

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**From:** David Voremberg <djvoremberg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:03 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Columbia County & Redistricting

In reference the proposed redistricting for CD19:

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.

David Voremberg  
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**From:** Nancy Kelly <kellyna20@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Capital Region historically has been kept together in the same 20th Congressional District for good reason – the shared communities and cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have deep roots binding them together.

We share common services through the CDTA and SUNY systems.

If the 'Special Master's' final map gerrymanders its way to split apart the 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, it will be a hammer blow to our shared future and ruin the Capital Region's ability to speak with a unified voice in Washington DC.

Thank you,  
Nancy Kelly

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**From:** Laura Lynch <llynch226@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:06 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The shared interests of the Capital District communities should keep them in the same Congressional District.

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**From:** Polly Windels <twopondsnorth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

If you study the movement of workers, businesses, families and public transportation you will see that Schenectady, Albany, Saratoga and Troy have long been linked. Much of this prosperity comes from single and/or coordination of Congressional representatives. To split these cities, even though they are diverse, will make it harder for this region to address any future issues.

Please consider employment and transportation as major factors in working with Congress.

Polly Windels  
Currently 21st

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**From:** Cindy Swadba <cswadba@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** new districts

Friends,

I am writing to share with you my response to the newly proposed district map.

Saratoga Springs to be included in Stefanik's district is a travesty to our citizens.

The district is huge, mostly rural and has no similar relationship with the City of Saratoga Springs.

Cindy Swadba

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**From:** lkormos@nycap.rr.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** redistricting

The redistricting map for district 20 should keep Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam in District 20 and not put those cities in with north country areas. The Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam communities are more alike in their northern neighbors with shared services such as CDTC and the SUNY systems.

Please rejoin the capital region under one congressman.

Thank you

*Liz Kormos*  
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Ballston Spa, NY 12020

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**From:** Al Cannistraro <[al@alcannistraro.com](mailto:al@alcannistraro.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:09 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** NY 20th CD

I was disappointed to learn that the draft map of the 20th CD is slated to change it in a way that makes no sense to me, a local resident in the same Clifton Park neighborhood since 1982.. Please keep the district as it is.. Thank you

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**From:** Jean Rocanova <jackelroc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:10 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Columbia County & Redistricting

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Thank you,

Jean Rocanova

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** kv Burt <kv0208@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise  
**Subject:** Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Regarding the splitting of district 20, it is in the best interest of our communities to remain within the same district. 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. We share common services through the CDTA and SUNY systems.

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Clifton Park NY 12065

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**From:** K Asante <katrinaasante@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN\_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu  
**Subject:** Need Fairer maps

Greetings,

NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester. The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-Op City is mapped into NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY-15 and Edenwald kept in NY-16.

As a Black woman and life long resident of NY-16 this directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and split these communities of interest. Our community has been heavily impacted by multiple systems and the pandemic has helped highlight all the problems. By splitting our district into 3 different districts and removing it from NY-16 does not help and it puts our Black community in a vulnerable position. We need a fairer map that will continue to best represent the Black community.

Katrina Asante

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