

Brenda A. Wise

From: Julia Reeb <drmomwhoohs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY20 - congressional map feedback

The five areas of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have deep roots through shared educational and cultural institutions and transportation systems. Putting these cities in different Congressional Districts will decrease the Capital Region's ability to share its voice in Congress. Please keep these areas of shared interest together in NY 20.

Thank you.

***Julia Reeb
115 Schermerhorn Rd, Cohoes, NY 12047***

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Julia Reeb
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From: Edwin Otis <edoengr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th Congressional district

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Please keep the cities of Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam in the 20th Congressional District.

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From: Joann Perillo <jperillosms@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

As a lifelong capital region resident I beg you to keep our district 20 together.

Sincerely,

Joann Perillo

805 Londonderry Road

Schenectady, NY 12309

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From: Alisa Dalton <alisa@thedaltonlawfirm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: I am very opposed to the redistricting

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY with a thriving law practice, 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.

I have worked for many years in Albany and my current work, community and social life take me only to the Albany, Troy and Schenectady areas. I used to advertise in the areas north, but it was pointless as those communities associate with areas far north of here. Simply put, in Saratoga Springs do not have the same interests or areas of concern going north. The only clients I have in the "North Country" are those buying seasonal vacation homes.

Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has solid economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. 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 **very** detrimental to our community. We simply do not have the same interests. It makes no sense.

I strongly urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you,
Alisa Dalton

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From: Vann, Raymond <RVann@council.nyc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; 'cervas@cmu.edu'
Cc: Ariola, Joann
Subject: Congressional and Senate Line Changes -- Office of NYC Council Member Joann Ariola

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Dear Judge Wise and Mr. Cervas,

After reviewing the publicly posted maps showing the recently proposed Congressional and State Senate lines, I am left with significant reservations. These maps propose a division of Howard Beach into two separate Senate districts (the 10th and 19th) along Cross Bay Boulevard. This is something that I strongly believe would not serve this community well. The Howard Beach community, both old and new, have a number of unique issues – namely flooding and resiliency issues – that require the attention of elected officials. Dividing the community would dilute the ability of the neighborhood to gather much needed political support for these problems, and as a result it would put homeowners and businesses at risk.

The Howard Beach community deserves to have a unified voice in the State Senate. We need to remain part of the 15th Senate District, so that the projects, services and future plans to make our community safe from any further storm or pluvial flooding remain intact, and don't fall by the wayside as busy politicians overlook the area in favor of other portions of their expansive districts.

Sincerely,

Joann Ariola,
 District 32

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From: Paula Gilbert <paulagil@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Map for NY-16

Dear Justice McAllister—

I have been a resident and voter for over 40 years in Hastings on Hudson, Congressional District NY-16. I think that the changes recently suggested for NY-16 should not be adopted and that we should have a fairer map for the following reasons:

- 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.
- In the new proposed map, 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. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest
- It is desirable to be in a district that bridges race and class.

Thank you for consideration of these important matters.

Ms. Paula Gilbert
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- **accounts** Bwise@nycourts.gov, Steuben_superior@nycourts.gov and cervas@cmu.edu. The first two can be addressed to Justice McAllister. The last one is addressed to Special Master Cervas.
- **Use the three following important talking points to ask for a fairer map:**
 - 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. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest

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From: nbm18west@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redrawn map

Special Master,

I'm requesting you reconsider how the US Congressional districts were redrawn, specifically for the Mid Hudson Valley. Both as a resident of the City of Kingston and as an objective participant and viewer of civics, I must speak out against splitting the City of Kingston between NY 18 and NY. Such a drawing of the map is counter-productive to good government. It deters local involvement, and negatively impacts the residents by diluting their voice. It also unnecessarily complicates local government by dividing City streets and neighborhoods, multiplying the number of representatives, and causing confusion for constituents in need of services and assistance.

Please reconsider and reevaluate what's in the best interests of the citizens of New York and revise your drawing.

Respectfully,

Neil Millens
Kingston, NY

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From: Joann Perillo <jperillosms@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20 th Congressional district

To the special master,
Please keep the 20 th congressional district together.
Joann Perillo-Lasky

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From: Caroline S <cstern914@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY-16 electoral maps

Dear Justice McAllister:

I am writing you about the proposed map for NY-16 which drops much of the Northeast Bronx. These proposed new lines directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

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. This directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest.

This is a serious flaw in the plans for redistricting. Please restore these disenfranchised communities.

Thank you.

Caroline Stern
Yonkers

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From: Sari Stout <saristout@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New capital region congressional districts

Dear Special Master,

I am a constituent living in the New York Capital Region, and I've heard that you are planning to 'split up' the 20th district. As a resident of the region, I think it's very important to keep the 5 cities in the area in one district. With all of our shared services, it's important for us to have cohesive representation in Congress, and I expect that diluting that will have adverse implications for us all.

Thanks for your consideration,

Sari Stout

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Brenda A. Wise

From: jaygilbe@optonline.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed NY-16 district map

Dear Justice McAllister: We have lived in Hastings for more than 40 years. We are writing to you to express our concern about the proposed NY-16 map that will govern our district for the next decade. According to the proposed map, much of the northeast Bronx will be removed from NY-16 and the Black voter population within the new district will drop by 17%. This directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests, and further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

The northeast Bronx's predominantly Black community has been 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. This directly drops the Black voter population in NY-16 and splits these communities of interest.

We strongly urge you to retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge within the new NY-16 district map.

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From: Marta Gomez <gomezcatica@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on the Special Master's Congressional map

I am opposed to the Special Master's map that would put the Cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs in Congressional District 21, rather than CD-20. The greater Capital Region has strong economic and transportation ties with Schenectady, Albany, Troy, Amsterdam, and Saratoga Springs. Since I moved to the region 30 years ago, more and more residents of Saratoga Springs commute to Albany and Schenectady for work and Saratoga Springs is a shopping and cultural center of the Capital Region. Placing Saratoga Springs in CD-21, which extends to the Canadian border, simply makes no sense--Saratoga Springs is not considered part of the Adirondack region of the state.

Thank you for your attention.

Marta Gomez
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