

Brenda A. Wise

From: chanafen@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Maps public comment

Hello!

My name is Hannah Fendrich, 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.

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Sincerely, Hannah Fendrich

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Brenda A. Wise

From: James Baldwin <jnbaldwin54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:08 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Greater Capital Region has historically been contained within one Congressional District. The proposal to split the Capital Region into 2 Congressional Districts violates that historical precedence and will significantly reduce the impact of representation in Washington for our region - which shares transportation, economic, social, educational and other assets. Selectively removing our elected representative's place of residence from the 20th CD and placing it in a CD dominated by the opposition party appears to be partisanship at its worst perpetrated by the court and special master. Restore the Capital District CD. James N. Baldwin

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From: deborah reynolds <cjren2mp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:09 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Redistricting

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.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Deborah Reynolds

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From: Rosemary Ratcliff <rhratcliff@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Saratoga springs

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Rosemary Ratcliff
107 State Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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From: Keeley Ardman DeSalvo <keeley.desalvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Maps

To whom it may concern:

As a business and property owner in the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove the Saratoga Springs 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.

With kind regards,

Keeley DeSalvo



Keeley Ardman DeSalvo, President & CEO

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From: Bob Lindenbaum <blindenbau@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:13 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: protest of the new maps

My name is Bob Lindenbaum, I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate.

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Sincerely

Bob Lindenbaum
135.34 78th Road
Flushing NY 11367

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From: Joel Shafran <joelyale1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: RE districting

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Sincerely
Joel shafran

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From: Geraldina Davis <highclass3@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Retention of the 16th Congressional District

Dear B Wise.

This e-mail is to urge to please retain the 16th Congressional District the way it currently is. This includes Co-Op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge and lower Westchester.

Sincerely
G Davis

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carl Patka <carl.patka@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th Congressional District

Dear Judge Wise; representation of the Capital District in the 20th congressional district should include Saratoga, Schenectady and Amsterdam. The Capital District cities have joint cultural and economic interests and should not be divided. Thank you - Carl Patka Sent from my iPhone

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From: Eli Balsam <elibalsam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:16 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Maps

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Sincerely,

Eli Balsam

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From: Stefani Zinerman <zinermans@nyassembly.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:17 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Letter of Opposition to CD8 Redistricting Maps
Attachments: AM Zinerman_LOO_2022 CB8 Redistring Maps.pdf

Please find attached my letter of opposition to the congressional redistricting maps.

Stefani L. Zinerman
Member of the New York State Assembly
56th District, Brooklyn New York
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May 17, 2022

Judge Patrick F. McAllister
Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Justice McAllister,

As the proud Representative of the 56th Assembly District, I write to express my significant concern with the draft map released by the Special Master. This map clearly fails to consider the people I have the honor to represent in the neighborhoods of Bedford Stuyvesant and Crown Heights. These historically Black communities are disproportionately impacted by the proposed map, diluting their voices at the federal level. This is unjust and unfair.

It is important for these communities to be kept together, as they have for many, many decades. In fact, Bedford Stuyvesant was once represented by the legendary Shirley Chisholm, which was specifically created in 1968 pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Yet the proposed map breaks the district apart without concern or consideration for the community. The voters of the 8th Congressional District share common interests in economic development, healthcare, safety, housing, climate change, and education. To split these districts would be a miscarriage of justice and clearly an indication from our courts that the voices of Black and Brown people do not matter.

Plainly, the current proposed congressional map will harm the constituents in my district. They deserve to have the opportunity to elect the Representatives who have served them for many years. If this proposed map carries, a battle will ensue to grab power at the expense of New Yorkers and the courts will lose the fragile trust of people from across the state. I urge you to reconsider the proposal and instead preserve the districts as they currently stand.

Sincerely,

Stefani L. Zinerman
Member of the New York State Assembly
District 56, Brooklyn

Brenda A. Wise

From: Ali <astanavich@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amterdam in NY20

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Liz Kluz <elizabethkluz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:20 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I am unclear why the capital district would be split apart.
Amsterdam has always been part of the
20th district I am unclear as to why
It would be put with Stefanek's
District.
Saratoga has also always been part of this district.
I am aware of the abysmal response by Dems and Republicans around redistricting.
The rules for how the process should be conducted was ignored by both sides.
However I believe the 20th district should remain intact due to shared interests as a region.
Congress Woman Stefanek will benefit
From these new lines.
As far as I am concerned, that would be
Catastrophic for the capital region as she is obsessed with her own interests. She does not appear to be involved in
Furthering the interests of the capital region which is diverse.
Diversity and unity seem not to be issues of concern for this Congresswoman.

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From: Patricia Loomis <patriciagloomis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:23 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I am opposed to the proposed changes! This is an obvious partisan attempt to rig the election denying the Capital region representation in Washington. Again, I strongly object.

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From: Christal Baisden <cbaisden.cb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Christal Baisden
Subject: Co-Op City Bronx, NY Redistricting Plan

Dear Congressional Representative,

I have resided within the aforementioned community for over 30 years. I was appalled to learn that within a mere 24 hours, our beautiful , middle class community is about to be on the proverbial chopping block! Please do NOT let this travesty happen. Please do NOT silence 17% of our District 16 voting power!

We have worked too hard over the years to build up this lively, working class, N.O.R.C. Please do NOT destroy the soul of Co-op City by deluting our services and marginalizing our voting power. Keep District 16 in tact.

Thank you.

Best regards,
Christal Baisden
and June Fairclough; relative and fellow tenured Co-op City Resident

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From: Robin Elisabeth Kilmer <kilmer.robin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:17 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Regarding changes to D11

Greetings Special Master Cervas,

I am a resident of Sunset Park. I am currently represented in congress by Nydia Velazquez, but due to newly redrawn maps I will be in District 11 instead of District 7. I have seen both the map proposed by legislators in Albany and your new map of District 11.

I admire you for doing what no one seemed to have guts to do before, which was to finally make Manhattan into three clean districts. While I know that initially D10 was created to connect culturally similar communities and preserve a Jewish seat, hence its extreme gerrymander, I also think communities that are linked geographically in an efficient way that reflects the way they interact with each other are also important, which is why I'm writing to you about D11.

What I appreciate about the D11 map that our state legislatures created was that it was, in fact, inarguably clean and compact. Bay Ridge, with its lively commercial corridors, combination of brownstones and lower rise apartment buildings, is very connected, via its avenues, bus routes and the N and R trains to Sunset Park, which is in turn contextually similar and connected to Park Slope and Gowanus along the same corridors, bus routes and train routes. What I appreciate about the changes you made was that you included Red Hook--many Sunset Parkers work there and and we're connected to both Red Hook and Bay Ridge via our waterfront and a ferry that takes us to each of these communities. Many parts of Gowanus, running along the Gowanus canal also deal with the same waterfront issues.

As a resident of Sunset Park who does not have a car (like many others here) I take the B 70 bus on 8th Avenue to bring my kid to school. When we go to the movies we go to the Alpine Theater in Bay Ridge, and we take the R train along 4th Avenue. I take the B63 bus along 5th Avenue to take my baby to his Doctor's appointments in Park Slope, which you have taken out of the district. We walk to Prospect Park along 7th Avenue along Green Wood Cemetery, which you have taken out of the district, and someday I hope my son goes to MS 88 on 7th Avenue and 18th Street, which is now also out of the district. Many other parents in the district rely on these corridors and feel these connections as well--not in a partisan way, but in a personal way. Not only do we share corridors, neighbors and transit, we share a school district with Park Slope and other areas that were removed from D11. Right now I can go to the same district office for issues regarding my home and my child's school. Having to reach out to different congressional representatives for issues regarding home, school and employment puts an undue burden on people. The New York State legislature drew the map of D11 a certain way because they are familiar with the communities that live here and understand how they are connected. I know it is difficult for people outside the community and the city to understand, so I do appreciate you taking the time to absorb this email.

With no geographic or demographic reason to change the map our democratically elected officials drew the only reason I can see for altering the lines was to protect an incumbent, not to keep communities connected, and unless I'm mistaken, protecting incumbents is not part of the constitution, nor is it your legal obligation as an independent map maker--which is why you altered so many other districts. It is not your job to help incumbents stay in office!

But it is your job to keep communities connected.

Looking at your redrawn map I can say that if there was a neighborhood that was actively not trying to be part of the D11 community as you drew it's Dyker Heights. We go there once a year to see their Christmas lights, and every time it's

a struggle to figure out how to get there as large chunks of it are inaccessible to other parts of the district via public transportation, and the Gowanus Expressway that separates Bay Ridge from Dyker Heights acts as a natural East-West barrier to car traffic and foot traffic alike. It is more accessible to other parts of D10, like Midwood and Borough Park, and it is also contextually more similar to those neighborhoods, with their single family homes and fewer commercial thoroughfares. Like them, it is also landlocked. Including Dyker Heights seems like a reach for this map, and so does ignoring the natural boundary of the Prospect Expressway, which is Sunset Park's northern boundary and excluding our neighborhoods east of 5th Avenue from 22th street to 17th Street, especially when the district can extend far into Park Slope and still be a good geographic fit.

I know you have a lot to consider between now and Friday, but I urge you rethink D11 to keep Bay Ridge, Sunset Park, Gowanus, Park Slope and Red Hook as connected in your congressional map as they are in reality.

Thank you for your time,
Robin Kilmer

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From: KATHLEEN DIBLASI <diblas1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

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.

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Respectfully,
Lorraine Schell

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From: Katherine Kennedy <m5kkennedy@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Special Master-

Please reconsider the boundaries you have drawn for the 20th district. The severing of Saratoga and Montgomery counties from their current association with the remainder of the capital District is a gross disservice to all the members of this region.

M Katherine Kennedy
225 Shaker Ridge Drive Schenectady NY 12309

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From: Christina Loukides <comesas1320@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th Congressional District

To the Special Master:

I am writing to urge you to keep the 20th Congressional District intact. This district includes the five Capital Region cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady and Troy. These areas have interests that are common to each other: transportation, urban/suburban areas with shared workforce and residents, small city governments, many large school districts with their unique needs, and the SUNY system. It simply makes sense to keep the 20th Congressional District united so one voice can represent the many common interests of these similar areas within the Capital Region. Why split an established district which will only cause disruption and increased expense to the current tax-paying residents. Why "fix" something that isn't broken? It is my hope that you will not separate an already unified area.

Thank you,

Christina Loukides
1320 Alexander Road
Delanson NY 12053

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Mark Frankel

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Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of New York's 20th Congressional District, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional Map that moves Amsterdam from NY CD 20, centered in New York's Capital Region, to NY CD 21.

Amsterdam closely identifies with the Greater Capital Region and has strong economic, transportation and educational ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Schenectady County is Amsterdam's closest neighbor to the east and so the ties between these two localities are even stronger. Separating these localities into two different Congressional Districts would weaken Amsterdam's, and the entire 20th CD's voice in Congress.

Just this month, the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) announced its plans to expand bus service to Amsterdam, therefore improving public transportation in an area that desperately needs it, and solidifying its ties to the Capital Region. Additionally, The United Way of the Greater Capital Region announced that Montgomery County would be joining their ranks.

These are two of the many examples of how the Capital Region sees great value in being connected to Amsterdam and Montgomery County. The proposed Congressional District Map should encourage and strengthen these ties and give us one Congressional Representative, not divide and separate us and as a result, weaken our voice in Washington, D.C.

The proposed map of CD21 spans over 15,000 square miles, and shares two borders with Canada. Amsterdam has much more in common with the Capital Region than it does with the northern New York communities that are closer to Canada.

In closing, I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Cathryn Bern-Smith
Chairperson
Scotia-Glenville Democratic Committee

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Catherine Kelley <katink936@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Sir:

I urge you not to break up the Capital District region as it now exists. I am a resident of Charlton and go to either Albany, Schenectady or Saratoga for restaurants and shopping. I also have friends and relatives in Amsterdam, my deceased husband's former home. There is a feeling of cohesiveness when we know we are represented by the same congressman when we get into political and economic discussions. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Catherine Kelley

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rachel Spensieri <rspensieri@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:31 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Include Saratoga Springs in proposed 20th Congressional District

Hello Special Master Wise,

I am a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, and I am adamantly 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 strongly connected to and identifies with the greater Capital Region. It has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents also work and have families in these Capital Region communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with more rural communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community.

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

Thank you for your consideration-
~Rachel Spensieri
Saratoga Springs, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Yaffa Englander <y.s.englander@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS Senate Maps Public Comment

My name is Yaffa Englander, 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 legislature's 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 have 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,

Yaffa Englander

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Brenda A. Wise

From: vita interrante <vita.interrante1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 7:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the greater Capital Area together -- do not separate our shared future development.

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