

Brenda A. Wise

From: Laura Barry <labarry1218@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

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To whom it may concern,

I am voicing my concern for how my district, #20, is being redrawn. The Capital region is Albany, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Cohoes and Waterford. We depend on a unified public transit (CDTA), commerce, educational institutions and a common connection with the Hudson and Mohawk rivers. I think this new configuration is misguided and in fact I think it hurts our representation on the federal level. Rural Rensselaer County is more aligned with Washington County.

Sincerely,

Laura Barry
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Beth Brucker-Kane <bbrucker@skidmore.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:44 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - Proposal to move Saratoga Springs

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 for your serious consideration of this issue.

Beth

Beth Brucker-Kane

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mullaney firm <emullaney@mullaneylawfirm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New York State Congressional Districts

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> Your Honor:
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> I am a life long resident of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York, where I have raised my children and practiced law, with my father, for over 35 years. I am strongly opposed to being moved from the 20th to the 21st Congressional District.
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> This move would result in a failure to maintain existing districts, pre-existing political subdivisions and would be a gross deviation from our current relationship with other communities of interest. Saratoga is an integral part of the Capital District with Albany, Schenectady, Troy, and Amsterdam and other population centers. The commonality of these centers is strong with extensive economic and transportation ties. I recognize that the 21st Congressional District is sparsely populated, but its needs from the federal government differ vastly from the needs of Saratoga Springs. Our community will not be well-served by being moved to a new district with needs so vastly different: infrastructure, gun control, and the environment are just a few examples of the different needs within each district.
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> Retaining Saratoga Springs in the 20th Congressional District will have no negative impact on racial or language minority voting rights and will not have a negative impact on competition or favoring or disfavoring incumbents.
>
> I respectfully request that the City of Saratoga Springs be included in the 20th Congressional District.
>
> Thank you for your consideration.
>
> Eleanor K. Mullaney Coughlin
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jerome Yavarkovsky <jyavarkovsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

Dear Special Master,

I am writing to urge you to maintain Columbia County as a contiguous district with our sister counties of the Mid-Hudson Valley: Rensselaer, Dutchess, Ulster and Greene. We all have common economic, cultural, and historic interests that strongly suggest unified representation in Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerome Yavarkovsky
East Chatham, NY 12060

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Spencer H <lspencerh646@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:47 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

Spencer

L. Spencer Humphrey
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Brenda A. Wise

From: David Siffert <siffert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Objection to Proposed Maps

Dear Justice McAllister,

I write to oppose the maps proposed by Special Master Cervas.

These maps are, in practice, a partisan gerrymander in favor of Republicans and a racial gerrymander designed to diminish minority participation in New York State politics.

The proposed maps create 11 "swing" Congressional districts out of 26 total districts. In a state evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, this would be a good way to maximize citizen participation. However, in a mostly Democratic state, it is an effective way to maximize Republican representation. Especially given that this is predicted to be a "red wave" year, the map design shows clear intent to maximize the number of Republican members of Congress. If a "red wave" occurs this year, the maps could result in as many as 15 Republican Congressmembers and 11 Democratic Congressmembers, despite a situation where Democrats receive a vast majority of total votes. This is because Democratic New Yorkers have been shoehorned into a few extremely-blue districts, and Republican New Yorkers have been spread as evenly as possible across the remaining districts so as to make those districts "competitive." The method of maximizing competitive districts is not democratic when it involves shoehorning as many members of one political party into as few districts as possible.

The proposed maps also constitute a racial gerrymander. Senate and Congressional districts were not drawn in a manner that took local communities into account. Historical neighborhoods have been ignored, and communities that belong in one district were driven apart. As a result, racial and ethnic minorities, who live in a single community, have been split in half. This will result in decreased participation by racial and ethnic minorities, and decreased ability for them to have representatives that understand their experiences. It is hard to imagine that the lines were not drawn as an intentional racial gerrymander to maximize the number of white elected officials.

I urge the court to reject the maps proposed by Special Master Cervas and solicit input of actual New Yorkers before redrawing the maps.

Respectfully submitted,
David Siffert

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Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

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Brenda A. Wise

From: karendmalina@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

Please keep Columbia County election district 19 integral with the Capital Region and the Hudson Valley. We share similar interests and concerns and it makes sense not to reorganize our district.

Thank you for your work and concern for our community ties.

Karen Malina,
Chatham NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Paula <Orders5113@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New District Lines

Attn: Special Master,

I strongly and respectfully ask for changes to the draft maps released this week for several reasons, including:

- The five areas of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady and Troy have deep roots through shared educational and cultural institutions, career opportunities, and transportation systems. The draft maps, by splitting these cities into different districts will decrease the Capital Region's ability to share it's voice in Congress.

- It is unfathomable that so many excellent representatives have had the districts they have ably represented now separated from their actual place of residence. They must now face the difficult decision of giving up responsible committee positions and not running for a district they have professionally represented or MOVE from their long term residence, potentially even affecting schools dependents would attend. Place of residence of sitting representatives **SHOULD** have been taken into consideration when drawing the new district lines.

Sincerely,

Paula Moskowitz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Abe Uchitelle <Abe.Uchitelle@co.ulster.ny.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please keep Kingston, NY whole

Hello,

I represent a county legislative district in Kingston, NY (Ulster County). The recently proposed map not only splits my legislative district in half, it splits election districts within the same ward between separate congressional districts.

I urge you to reconsider this map. More specifically I urge you to keep Kingston, NY whole. We are a small city of 20,000 people. Keeping small upstate cities intact is critical for fair representation. Otherwise our advocacy is split from one important voice into two after-thoughts on the edge of their respective districts.

You would only need to move 7,000 people into the proposed CD-18 in order to make Kingston whole. I urge you to please consider making this adjustment before the maps are finalized.

Thank you for your dedication to fair representation throughout this process.

Best,
Abe Uchitelle

Ulster County Legislature, District 5 (Kingston)

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ellen Daviero <edaviero@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I feel that breaking up the Capital Region is not a good idea. All 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. These communities need to continue to share services in order to financially survive. Please consider to keep the Capital District Together!

Thank you,
Ellen Daviero-Schenecdaty

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carl DeBrule <carldebr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Do the right thing

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.

Regards,

Carl DeBrule

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Marla Carruthers <mxg7870@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:50 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting concerns

Dear Special Master:

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

Thank you for your sincere consideration of this request.

Marla Carruthers
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Brenda A. Wise

From: William Patrick <caltap@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

To Whom It May Concern:

Splitting apart the 20th Congressional District would be a serious error.

Separating the cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs from the Capital Region would also be immensely short-sighted, given the progress the combined region has made in the past couple of decades.

Please reconsider this action.

Sincerely,

William B. Patrick

William Patrick
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gail Rychlewski <grychlew@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY 20 Congressional Map

I am very concerned about the proposed NY 20 district that excludes Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam from the Capital Region. Clearly you do not live here. The cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Schenectady, Saratoga Springs and Troy all consider themselves part of the Capital Region and share educational and cultural institutions, community organizations, transportation systems and common concerns. Putting two of these cities in a separate Congressional District weakens the Capital Region's voice in Congress and thus weakens MY voice in Congress. And I might add those jagged borders where Saratoga Springs is cut out of NY20 look very suspicious next to all the other straight lines.

Please keep the five, long standing Capital Region cities together!

Thank you,
Gail Rychlewski

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lisa Futtner <lfutt@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

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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.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Thomas Traudt <tomtraudt1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comments for Judge and Special Master for NY-19 District Lines
Attachments: 0517 T Traudt Public Comments - CD19 District Lines.pdf

May 17th, 2022

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

Dear Judge McAllister,

I am a resident of Rhinebeck New York, a town in Northern Dutchess County. For the past 10 years, I have been a voter in the 19th Congressional District and now looking at the map, I have been lumped in with downstate voters of the 18th. It has often been said that Dutchess County is where Upstate meets Downstate. I truly believe that.

Northern Dutchess residents like myself have more in common with our neighbors in Columbia County and Ulster County. Our centers of commerce are across the river in Ulster County. I myself do the majority of my shopping in the city of Kingston, which is across the river in Ulster County. Many of my neighbors are farmers that do business with, and have more in common with residents of Columbia County. Why wouldn't we have the same representation on the federal level?

Southern Dutchess is part of the greater New York City suburbs. One may still commute into NYC via Metro North public transit on a daily basis from Poughkeepsie and south. The towns and families of southern Dutchess County have their own economy that has always felt separate and apart from that of my town. I assume that is at least partially why you've already chosen to split a couple of southern Dutchess towns off from the rest of the county to be represented in the 17th Congressional District.

Today, I ask that you consider adding my town, Rhinebeck, along with the other towns of northern Dutchess County (North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Amenia, Milan, Clinton and Red Hook).

I ask that you consider this letter as my public comment on the new Congressional maps that have been draw during redistricting.

Sincerely,
Tom Traudt
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gail Rychlewski <grychlew@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY20 Congressional Map

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Thank you,
Gail Rychlewski
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Delmar, NY 12054

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tabitha Orthwein <taborthwein@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: I oppose proposed Congressional Redistricting

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Sincerely,
Tabitha Orthwein
18 Bloomfield Road
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anne Burton <anneburton10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

A big need to keep Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam in the same congressional district. We all have the same goals and objectives for our constituents!

Anne Burton
City of Rensselaer 6th Ward Alderperson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: tikinna Robinson <tikinnalb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:56 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.

Thank you for your time,
Tikinna Robinson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sarah Stern <sarahrstern31@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens redistricting

My name is Sarah Stern, 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,
Sarah stern

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From: Cynthia Eletto <cynthiaeletto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Saratoga with the Capital Region District

I am a resident of Saratoga Springs and believe we should remain in the Capital Region Congressional District. We have established deep ties with the communities and cities of Albany, Schenectady and Troy, including shared services through CDTA and SUNY Systems. Saratoga Springs have much more in common and similar needs to the Capital District than those of the North Country.

I encourage you to keep Saratoga Springs in the Capital District Congressional Region as it has been in the past.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Eletto
Saratoga Springs resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Emily Gwozdz <gwozdemily@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Please keep Amsterdam in NY20, we belong in NY20 with the Capital Region! Many of our residents work and have families in NY20.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Edward Rengers <edreng@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

First we had complaints and lawsuits over gerrymandered districts favoring the Democrats in a Democratic state. Now we have an ultraconservative Republican judge going the opposite way and gerrymandering districts to favor Republicans. What happened to the middle ground? How is this latest redistricting effort any fairer?

Edward Rengers

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christina Brueggemann <cbruegge@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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Sincerely, Christina Brueggemann

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Brenda A. Wise

From: J.B. <finabaret@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:06 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

Hello,

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~Amsterdam Resident Josefina Baret

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From: Kristen Hogan <kristenwh479@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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Kristen Hogan
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From: Jeffrey Graham <mayor557@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:09 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Testimony
Attachments: Honorable Patrick McAllister.docx

Attached is a submission on the fate of Jefferson County in the most recent Congressional lines.
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Elaine <etb51364@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on NYS Congressional maps

Justice McAllister:

Please accept on the proposed NYS Congressional district maps that were released May 16. As residents of lower Westchester and CD 17, we believe it is extremely important for all of the Rivertowns to continue to be in that district. This is just too much upheaval for the residents of NY State. A village consortium consists of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow that comes together to pursue improvements to public safety, infrastructure, affordable housing and transit use around the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Rt. 9

In addition, Greenburgh and White Plains are inextricably intertwined and dependent communities and should NOT be in separate congressional districts. It also makes CD 17 a more equitable district with a diverse population. Dutchess and Putnam counties are not connected to Westchester County in anyway including socially, politically or economically and should not be included in CD 17. The 17th Congressional district should be restored closely to what it presently is.

The constituency of CD 17 worked hard to elect its Congress men/women, and we should be able to still be represented by them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elaine Trader
Edward Trader
102 Round Hill Road
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dani Sobin <dani.sobin94@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Protest of New Maps

My name is Daniel Sobin . 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,
Daniel Sobin

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Assistant Site Coordinator
Central Queens YM & YWHA / Site P.S. 165 - Flushing, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Charlton Clay <charlton.clay@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:13 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Redistricting Folk:

Please keep Columbia County as part of a contiguous Congressional district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties when redistricted. We belong as a unified Columbia County community with neighboring counties-- Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster and Greene as part of a Mid-Hudson Valley Region. These counties share similar agricultural, historic, artistic and economic challenges and opportunities. Dividing Columbia County or separating us from this region would negatively impact the residents' ability to build for the future.

Thank you, Charlton Clay

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Hudson, NY 12534

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Brenda A. Wise

From: John Cooley <raven.cooley09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To: Special Redistricting Special Master

I respectfully object to your inclusion of Columbia County in a reconfigured CD 19 that will not represent our regional characteristics and opportunities. We share similar agricultural, development and economic challenges with Dutchess, Ulster and Greene Counties. Our challenge is to maintain rural values while also welcoming newcomers from more metropolitan counties to the south. Our development and future prospects are tied to the Mid Hudson Valley. Please take these considerations into account as you make final adjustments to the Congressional districts.

Sincerely,
John Cooley
101 Harmon Heights Rd.
Chatham, NY 12037

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Don't dilute minority representation (re CD16 proposed map)

From: Micah Sifry <msifry@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:30 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Don't dilute minority representation (re CD16 proposed map)

To the attention of Justice McAllister:

I am a longtime resident of Hastings on Hudson, NY, which is currently in the 16th congressional district. I am writing to offer my input about the proposed congressional district lines just released by your court. Since you have placed this process on an intensely fast track, there is little time for you to gather and hear community input but I'm hoping that you will take these concerns seriously.

The revised lines for NY16 do real damage to two important communities of interest. First, by removing the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge, the special master's proposed map cuts deeply into minority representation, reducing the Black population by about 17%, and needless weakening these long marginalized areas from being able to elect candidates that best represent them. Worse, the proposed maps splinters the northeast Bronx's Black community into three congressional districts, which makes no sense at all if the goal is to retain the capacity of neighboring communities with common interests to gain common representation.

Second, by cutting the northeast Bronx part of CD16 away, the map breaks a vital community of interest that bridges lines of race and class. As I noted in my testimony before the state's redistricting commission last fall, there are many strong ties between people who live in the northern Bronx and lower Westchester. We have more in common with our neighbors there than we have with people who live in the more rural parts of Westchester north of us. We all brave the traffic on the Cross County Parkway. Unlike the more rural towns to our north, we like density and think it makes our lives better. We have shared interests in things like improved transportation options, more affordable housing, and more spending on climate mitigation.

I am against the idea that a goal of redistricting should be to make districts more homogenous, clumping suburbanites more closely and city-dwellers more closely, and arbitrarily using county lines as de facto borders. Also, given the historic disenfranchisement and disempowerment of communities of color, I don't think we should be indifferent when the votes of communities of color get diluted, as your current proposed map would do.

Please take these concerns into account as you oversee the process of revising the final maps. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Micah Sifry
Hastings on Hudson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: redistricting

From: Douglas Rushkoff <rushkoff@rushkoff.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:00 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: redistricting

Dear Justice McAllister,

Right now, according to the proposed map, much of the northeast Bronx will be removed from NY-16 and the Black voter population dropped by 17%. This directly dilutes the voting power of communities of color, further strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

Please revise the maps you just released yesterday so they better address the following:

- 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.

I value being in a district that bridges race and class.

Thank you,

Douglas Rushkoff

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Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Don't dilute minority representation (re CD16 proposed map)

From: Leslie Lieman <llieman02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:49 AM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Don't dilute minority representation (re CD16 proposed map)

To the attention of Justice McAllister:

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The revised lines for NY16 do real damage to two important communities of interest. First, by removing the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge, the special master's proposed map cuts deeply into minority representation, reducing the Black population by about 17%, and needless weakening these long marginalized areas from being able to elect candidates that best represent them. Worse, the proposed maps splinters the northeast Bronx's Black community into three congressional districts, which makes no sense at all if the goal is to retain the capacity of neighboring communities with common interests to gain common representation.

Second, by cutting the northeast Bronx part of CD16 away, the map breaks a vital community of interest that bridges lines of race and class. As I noted in my testimony before the state's redistricting commission last fall, there are many strong ties between people who live in the northern Bronx and lower Westchester. We have more in common with our neighbors there than we have with people who live in the more rural parts of Westchester north of us. We all brave the traffic on the Cross County Parkway. Unlike the more rural towns to our north, we like density and think it makes our lives better. We have shared interests in things like improved transportation options, more affordable housing, and more spending on climate mitigation.

I am against the idea that a goal of redistricting should be to make districts more homogenous, clumping suburbanites more closely and city-dwellers more closely, and arbitrarily using county lines as de facto borders. Also, given the historic disenfranchisement and disempowerment of communities of color, I don't think we should be indifferent when the votes of communities of color get diluted, as your current proposed map would do.

Please take these concerns into account as you oversee the process of revising the final maps. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lieman
Hastings on Hudson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Testimony on the Latest Congressional Redistricting Map

From: Judy Fletcher <jfletcher@riverdale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:07 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Testimony on the Latest Congressional Redistricting Map

Testimony on the Latest Congressional Redistricting Map
To: Justice McAllister

As I look at the new map, I am dismayed that much of the northeast Bronx would be removed from NY-16, significantly decreasing the Black voter population in the district. The effect of this map would be to dilute the voting power of communities of color, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates who best represent their interests, while strengthening the power of white and wealthy communities in the suburbs.

It would be deeply troubling to see the predominantly Black community of the northeast Bronx being broken up into three congressional districts (Co-Op City in NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester in NY-15, and Edenwald kept in NY-16), thus splitting these communities of interest.

At a time of rampant voter suppression of Black and BIPOC communities around the country, it would be deeply tragic to see NY join those ranks.

For the purpose of racial justice, as well as the value of having a district with both racial and class diversity, I strongly urge you to redraw the map to keep the northeast Bronx (Co-Op City, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge) together with lower Westchester.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christine Primomo <tracyrd@statetel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Hello Special Master,

I sincerely hope you will reconsider the Congressional District NY 20 "remapping". 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. If the 'Special Master's' final map gerrymanders its way to split apart the 20th Congressional District, it will be a blow to our shared future and ruin the Capital Region's ability to speak with a unified voice in Washington DC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Primomo
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Christine Primomo mobile/text 518 258 5554

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Peg Munves <pegmunves@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting - Please keep Columbia County in the mid-Hudson Valley Region

To the Special Master for Redistricting Columbia County:

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We are neither urban nor suburban. 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.

Thank you for reading this

Margaret Munves
New Lebanon NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Seema Rivera <emailseema@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: to Special Master please

To the Special Master,
Please keep Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy on the final map for congressional districts. The capital region congressional district should include all of these districts to be the fairest and most equitable and share resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
Seema Rivera

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: We need fair representation

From: Blossom Johns <blossomj13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Bwise@nycourts.com; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: We need fair representation

Hello,

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 split these communities of interest.

Thank you,

Blossom Johns, Co-op City Resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Bronx Redistricting

From: Cagny ArtWorks <cagnyartworks@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:06 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: Bronx Redistricting

Good afternoon,

It seems that a new map is being considered that will dilute the Black influence in elections. It seems very deliberate because the new map will strengthen the voting power among wealthy, White, suburbanites. Please help us stop this. Your help is needed to keep Co-op City, Williamsbridge, Baychester, and Edenwald at part of NY-16 with lower Westchester. I'm sure once you take a good look at the new lines that are being considered, you too will see the shift of power that would happen.

The Northeast Bronx has a strong voting base but if these communities get separated, there will be no strength in numbers and it will allow communities that have no interest in us to force their decisions on us or completely disregard our needs. Help us to stand strong! No redistricting of Co-o City, Williamsbridge, Baychester, and Edenwald.

Thank you for your help.

Rodney Callahan - 914-434-0722.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: NY-16 redistricting

From: Caroline S <cstern914@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:38 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: NY-16 redistricting

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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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: Redistricting Map for NY-16

From: Paula Gilbert <paulagil@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:39 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: FW: 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 map 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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Hastings on Hudson NY 10706
(914) 478-0209

- **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.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: FW: NY-16 Congressional district proposed map

From: jaygilbe@optonline.net <jaygilbe@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:42 PM
To: STEUBEN_SUPERIOR <STEUBEN_SUPERIOR@nycourts.gov>
Subject: NY-16 Congressional district proposed 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.

Jay Gilbert
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Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706
(914)4778-0209

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Guy Mastrion <guy@brandforming.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Opposed to 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.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Brenda Hanson <brendahanson10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

May 17, 2022

Re: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

Dear Honorable McAllister:

Please be advised that I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps in order to provide a better distribution of fair representation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The gerrymandered maps are completely unacceptable, regardless of favored party affiliation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the representation of all New York State voters as the Empire State encompasses a vast majority of values and views that need to be uniquely addressed in each individual region.

Sincerely,
Brenda S. Hanson
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Delevan, NY 14042

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jim and Diana Venter <jdven31@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The 20 th district should stay intact with Saratoga included. Saratoga has different needs and concerns than the North Country has. Paul Tonko has done a fabulous job for this District and should have opportunity to continue.
Diana Venter

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Marie Copeland <mariecopeland62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please keep the 20th Congressional District together including the capital region cities of Amsterdam, Albany, Troy and Saratoga Springs. These areas share services by CDTA and others. Thank you for your careful consideration.

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