

Brenda A. Wise

From: Mark Zipper <markzipper99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Testimony

My name is Mark Zipper,

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.

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Sincerely,

Mark Zipper

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Optonline <richie0930@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:25 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Cd-16 Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Richard Schlosberg, and I've been a resident of Hastings-on-Hudson for 26 years. I was recently informed of the newly redistricted map of the district for the 2022 election.

My concern is that in the past two years Congressman Bowman's term has done a good deal to unify the Northern Bronx districts of co-op city, Edenwald, and Williamsbridge with Southern Westchester districts such as my own. The congressman's infrastructure legislation regarding Covid-19 and gun violence prevention is laudable and helps breakdown racial hierarchies between Black and white people.

By reducing the Black population in the district by 17%, this gets undermined. I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,
Richard Schlosberg, Ph.D

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Violetta De Rosa <violettaderos@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:29 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Keep the 20th congressional district together. We need the Capital Region to be whole!
Violetta De Rosa
Albany, NY

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Shirley Fearon <shirleyfearon@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Special Master's redistricting plan for current Congressional District 16 under Congressman Jamaal Bowman

Good Day,

My name is Shirley Fearon residing at 1028 East 218th Street and I have resided in the Williamsbridge section of the northeast Bronx for 71 years. I was the President of the NAACP Williamsbridge Branch for ten years and I am the current District Leader for the 83rd A.D. For 35 years I have been a community activist for this community that I deeply love. Since March, 2009 I was the co-chair of the Northeast Bronx Community Coalition that successfully worked and achieved the opening of The Northeast Bronx YMCA on September 9, 2021. I am telling you who I am so that you will understand the love that I have for my community.

Most of my life takes me to Wakefield, Baychester, Co-op City, lower Westchester and other areas in my community which are being put under three different Congressional members. It is unfathomable that Co-op City would become NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester would be NY-15, and Edenwald/Wakefield would remain in NY-16. **NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-op City, Wakefield, and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester.** Our community has a high percentage of African American voters who want representatives who work hard and advance programs that will positively impact us. **The Special Master's proposed plan decreases the black voter population in NY-16 by 17% and will dilute our voting power making it difficult for us to elect candidates who best represent our interests.**

Please consider my request for a fair map for the northeast Bronx community of NY-16. Our community is depending upon your ability to understand the need for NY-16 to have a cohesive strong voting community. My contact numbers are below for your use.

Best,

Shirley Fearon
718-655-6229 (home)
917-940-2425 (cell)

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Brian Gleason <bgleason518@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To whom it may concern:

I am writing today out of grave concern for the proposed redistricting of Congressional district 19 that would excise Columbia County from it's unique position as part of both the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. The proposal is, quite frankly, absurd.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Gleason
Chatham, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gordon Boyd <gboyd9915@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Saratoga Springs has an integral role economically and culturally with Albany, Troy and Schenectady. The region is branded the Saratoga Capital region for tourism and corporate location decisions. Saratoga Springs is a commuter bedroom community for Albany and Schenectady jobs. Capital region workers patronize Saratoga Springs hospitality and cultural venues.

Saratoga Springs is NOT part of the North Country.

Gordon Boyd
Former board member
Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce

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Gordon Boyd
518-441-8815

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From: David Bassani <davidbassani@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

This new drawing of the congressional districts is truly unfair to Saratoga Springs residents. We are clearly part of the Capital Region and have had ties to the rest of the region for decades. Many people I know live in Saratoga Springs and work in other parts of the Capital Region such as Schenectady and Albany. We are of like mind with the rest of the district and we should stay together. Saratoga Springs does not have many ties with the Adirondacks. When you cross into the Southern Adirondacks, it is a totally different community.

It is not fair that this one person has come up with these new lines. I am urging you to put us back together in the 20th congressional district.

David Bassani
10 Turner Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY

David Bassani
davidbassani@yahoo.com

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Alison McLean Lane <alisonmcleanlane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: From the representative of the 14th Albany County district

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am emailing you as the elected representative of the Albany County 14th Legislative district.

The Capital Region, as currently configured, is one rooted in history. It has always been: Amsterdam, Schenectady, Saratoga Springs, Niskayuna, Colonie and Albany. This has been our collective community for decades.

The very idea your commission would break us up is heart-breaking to me, as well as my community. I cannot believe that I will have a different representative than the communities with which we have such close relationships with.

Please keep the Capital Region as a single district. We are too close of a community to break up. You would be separating me from my family, my friends and my extended community.

I am happy to accept any communication in regard to this email. Do not hesitate to contact me should the need arise.

Sincerely,
Alison McLean Lane
Albany County Legislator, 14th L.D.
518-935-3198

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ann Lane <ann.lane@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY16

Hello,

I am a resident of the Bronx and am writing to express my concerns about the redistricting in my district. NY16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-op City, Edenwald, 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 NY16, further marginalizing them.

The northeast Bronx predominantly Black community was splintered into three congressional districts: Co-op City is mapped into NY14, Williamsbridge and Baychester into NY15 and Edenwald kept in NY16.

Please retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge, with lower Westchester in NY16.

Thank you,
Ann Lane
5410 Netherland Ave., Apt A33
Bronx, NY 10471
646-856-7107

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Brenda A. Wise

From: patricia tschannen <pattschannen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th Congressional District

Special Master:

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.

Sincerely,

Patricia Tschannen

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christina DeLuca <christinagreco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:36 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a stakeholder and public school teacher in 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 it's 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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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rita Cameron <rcameron220@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Co-op City needs to be retained in the 16th district

To Whom This May Concern,

Northeast Bronx district that includes Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge and lower Westchester needs to be retained in the 16th Congressional district BBB and the voting population of our communities of color must not be diluted,

How dare you try to undermine decent people of color who pay their rent and taxes! You are abusing power for your own self gain and this is wrong and will not be tolerated!!!

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Brenda A. Wise

From: MYRA SAUL <myrals@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on Special Master's Proposed Congressional Maps

My name is Myra Saul. I currently live in Scarsdale, NY 10583. Prior to living in Scarsdale, I lived my entire life (except college) in the County of New York (Manhattan) on both the East and West Sides of the city. I submitted comments to one of the public hearings held by the Redistricting Commission. At that time, I argued that the proposed congressional map should place Scarsdale with other similarly situated suburban towns and villages with which it formed a community of interest, not urban areas.

In respect to the proposed map submitted by the Special Master, these comments were not taken into account. Scarsdale is now lumped with Yonkers, a major city in the state.

More importantly, the map, in pursuit of compactness, totally obliterates the history of Westchester, which traditionally has had a East /West orientation. Scarsdale has much more in common with Northern New Rochelle and other suburban communities in that area of the County rather than the Rivertowns and Yonkers. Until the War, Scarsdale was mostly farms and large, single family homes. After the War, it became a commuter enclave. If it has any orientation at all to an urban neighborhood, it is White Plains. Yonkers, on the other hand, was built as an extension of the Bronx. Go on the highways on the West Side of the County; Yonkers is in shouting distance of the Bronx. All major highways, except the Cross Westchester, have an East/West orientation.

This same fallacy of reaching for compactness that violates historical norms is totally evident in the Manhattan map. The neighborhoods, the ambience, the personalities of the City fall on an East/West axis. No self respecting New Yorker will tell you that the East Side should be in the same district as the West Side. Families make deliberate housing choices based upon a preference of one side of town over another. While it may seem interchangeable to non- New Yorkers, even the streets and Avenues are different. The West Side has longer avenue blocks than the East Side. Jane Jacobs's book, 'The Death and Life of American Cities' is far more eloquent than I am in pointing out the differences in Manhattan neighborhoods.

Please change the orientation of both the Westchester and Manhattan maps to East/West rather than North/South.

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From: Erik Helman <erikkh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: 16th District

Dear Madam,

The Northeast Bronx district that includes Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge and lower Westchester, needs to be retained in the 16th Congressional District, and the voting population of our communities of color must not be diluted.

Thank you.

Erik Helman
120 Alcott Place, Apt 8M
Bronx, NY 10475

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Kiaran Johnson-Lew <kiaranlew@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

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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Brenda A. Wise

From: Chanie Katz <shadchankatz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Kew Gardens Hills and Redistricting

My name is Helen Katz, 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.

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Sincerely,
Helen Katz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Denise Bond <dfbb367575@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting in the Northeast Bronx

This redistricting is modern day legal voter discrimination. The following must be stopped immediately. Political decisions like this lead to a climate that is exclusive instead of inclusive.

- 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.

Please stop this injustice immediately!

Regards,
D. Bond

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Elisheva BenHabib <elibh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Elisheva Ben-Habib, 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.

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Sincerely,

Elisheva Ben-Habib

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From: John Bullough <jbulloug@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on Congressional Redistricting - to the Special Master

Dear Special Master,

I am impressed by your careful work developing the draft Congressional district plan for New York State. I would respectfully request a change related to the 20th Congressional District, where I live. Presently the district includes the cities of Troy (where I am a resident), Albany and Schenectady, but excludes the cities of Saratoga Springs and Amsterdam. I believe that these five cities have a strong set of commonalities that would benefit from them being in the same Congressional District. Perhaps it would be possible to shift some suburban areas from NY-20 into NY-21 and moving the two cities into NY-20?

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

John Bullough
53 Brunswick Rd.
Troy, NY 12180

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Robert Haren <robharen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please keep Saratoga Springs in Paul Tonko's district. Elise Stafanik has nothing in common with the Saratoga Community a solidly Democratic city. We will not be well represented by her. Thank You! Rob Haren. 10 Turner Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Elliot Katz <ecadkatz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd: Kew Gardens Hills and Redistricting

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My name is Elliot Katz, 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,
Elliot Katz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Theresa Land Latta <telandlatta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Hands off D-16 - Reconsider this decision.

Greetings Mr. Wise-

I hope you are well. I'm not doing as well as you are because I just found out that there is a proposal to break up the NY-16 map into 3 new districts, when we this tight knit community has lived as one for all of these years. If you allow this to happen, it significantly reduces the votes of hardworking African American families who currently reside in the Northeast Bronx. This divisive tactic by the Redistricting committee does not serve this community, but instead diminishes our voices. If you allow this to happen, it will have the following implications:

- NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester. This African American community is purposely being cracked in order to reduce our voting power. This is unfair and should not be done.
- The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by almost 20%; 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. These communities are now well represented by our chosen candidate.
- 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.

Please consider that NY-16 should not be splintered like many areas have been across this country as a way to take away the power of our vote. This is an attempt to change the face of the elected officials around us, thereby reducing the power of our community as it is today. Please consider this as you deliberate about redrawing the lines.

Sincerely,
Theresa Land Latta

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Brenda A. Wise

From: rfkc@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting

Hello,
Please consider the impact a change to my congressional district will have on myself and my community. 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.

Sincerely,
Katie Capelli
18 Cottage Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Price <tateybug1132@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:50 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; steubensuperior@nycourts.gov; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Voter population

Dear Sir/madame,

I am asking your assistance in the matter of the congressional districts. Please use your influence to keep Co-Op City, Edenwale, Williamsbridge, and lower Westchester in the 16th Congressional district. In this way the voting population of all communities of color would not be diluted.

Thank you in advance for anything that you can do. Have great evening.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: STEPHANIE STURRUP <slynnrx@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd: Co-op City needs to be retained in the 16th district

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From: STEPHANIE STURRUP <slynnrx@aol.com>
Date: May 17, 2022 at 8:49:30 PM EDT
To: SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov
Subject: Fwd: Co-op City needs to be retained in the 16th district

To Whom This May Concern,

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jennifer Shabani <jennifershabani@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment re restricting

Dear Special Master,

As a citizen of the Capital Region, I strenuously object to the proposed redistricting map insofar as it separates the five areas of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy. These areas are all part of my community, they have deep roots through shared educational and cultural institutions and even transportation systems — together they are what define The Capital Region. Breaking apart these cities into different Congressional Districts will not only decrease our collected voice but will destroy our shared interests. Please don't do this.

Very Truly Yours,

Jennifer Shabani
28 Woodlake #9
Albany NY 12203

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Nancy Peterson <nancyjeanpeterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: The 20th Congressional District

In actuality, the area referred to as the 20th Congressional District works together in more ways than just a congressional district. We work together, share our transportation system, recreation, srts, education, medical and health services. Working together as a congressional district facilitates continuing this effective inter-municipal working relationship. Please leave the 20th District intact.

Nancy Peterson
1147 Keyes Ave
Schenectady NY 12309

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Staci Mannion <smannion@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga redistributing

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 in this request.

Sincerely,

Staci Mannion

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Raimondo Graziano <raimond.graziano@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:55 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Concerning District Lines in (formerly, as per Special Master Maps) Senate District 15

Good evening,

I hope this finds you well. I along with many members of the community of Howard Beach are in dismay at the proposed maps for State Senate districts as it concerns the neighborhood of Howard Beach. The proposed lines for our neighborhood unjustly split the neighborhood into two differing State Senate districts, separated only by a minor roadway for the people of this community and a major roadway for those who travel into and out of Broad Channel and the Rockaways - Crossbay Blvd. I would ask that you consider keeping intact the current State Senate lines, Senate District 15 as it preserves the integrity of one State Senator, for one neighborhood.

While Old and New Howard Beach may be separated by a roadway, they are unified in the issues they face, and the concerns the residents share. With this in mind, it would be counter intuitive to needlessly separate the neighborhood into two distinctive Senate Districts. This neighborhood is better served under the stewardship of a single State Senator who can adequately address concerns from residents of *both* sides of Howard Beach.

Thank you for taking my comments on this very important matter.

Regards,

Mr. Raimondo Graziano

--- Former City Council Candidate in District 32 & *Host of the Old Howard Union*

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Israel Sherman <is@sunharbormanor.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Israel Sherman.

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
Israel Sherman

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From: petereshma <polander3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 8:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: keep our district fair!

Please leave the capital district of NY as is! Why this gerrymandering?? How is that in the spirit of fair democratic representation?? Leave it be.
Peter Olander

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From: Claire <mcfsummers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Urgent

Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I am writing to request that you reconsider your decision to split Jefferson County. We must keep Jefferson County together within the 21st Congressional District. Dividing Jefferson County means dividing the North Country.

For years now Jefferson County has prospered effectively as one county which ties in all aspects of the North Country. We need the areas of Fort Drum, the city of Watertown, and the Thousand Islands region to stay together as one under the 21st Congressional District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Manon Fredette-Summers

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Price <tateybug1132@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; steubensuperior@nycourts.gov; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Voter population

Dear Sir/madame,

I am asking your assistance in the matter of the congressional districts. Please use your influence to keep Co-Op City, Edenwale, Williamsbridge, and lower Westchester in the 16th Congressional district. In this way the voting population of all communities of color would not be diluted.

Thank you in advance for anything that you can do. Have great evening.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Kara Chitty <kara1294@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comment - NY Districts

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 to ensure all New York State voters are fairly heard through our ability to elect representatives to reflect the views of our region.

Sincerely,

Kara Chitty
Machias, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Janet A. Yarrell <anu1951@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting NY-16

Please do not redistrict NY-16.

Thank You.

Janet A. Yarrell

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ramond Lin <ramondlin542@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Map -Albany

To whom it may concern,

I believe that this map is deeply disappointing for upstate communities. The issues I have with upstate New York is that it divides metro areas as defined by the Census Bureau. As you may have seen from other comments, moving the city of Saratoga Springs was a deeply unpopular move due to the strong links connecting this city to the rest of the Capital Region, which is something I echo. CDTC, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Capital Region shows the strong links between Saratoga Springs and the rest of the Capital Region, with significant flows of population and goods from the other principal cities of the Capital Region. I also point out that Glen Falls and Saratoga Springs are in separate MPOs, showing that these two regions have historically been separated from each other, and that placing these two cities together in the same district is the wrong move. My recommendation is to swap the city of Saratoga Springs into NY-20 for the rural Rensselaer towns of Berlin, Hoosick, Peterstown, Pittstown, Schaghticoke, Stevenstown, and parts of Grafton into NY-21. Also, I would move all of the town of Saratoga in Saratoga County to NY-21. These rural Rensselaer towns are not integrated into the greater Capital Region, with poorer transport links. While Saratoga Springs is served by the Capital District Transportation Authority's (CDTA) commuter buses during peak times, as well as local buses at all times, none of these towns are served by CDTA besides a Summer Weekend Service to Grafton State Park, a useless service for commuting.

From,
Ramond

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