

Brenda A. Wise

From: Sara Cizma <saracizma@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY state senate map

My name is Sara Cizma. 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,

Sara Cizma

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ralph Wilson <ralphwilson13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Proposed Map - NY-16

To Whom It May Conern:

I am dismayed and confounded by the proposed re-drawing of the New York -16 Congressional map. As a Black voter who lives in the district, I think that the new map disenfranchises Black residents and voters. By removing several Black communities, such as Co-Op City, Baychester, Williamsbridge and Edenwald, dilutes the Black vote and diminishes our confidence in having strong and committed representation in Congress.

I sincerely implore you to reconsider the separation and placement of these communities into other districts that may not value our concerns to the degree that we feel is needed.

Yours truly,

Ralph H. Wilson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Valerie Tabak <walksing53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please do not alter our, Congressman Tonko's district. Our district represents people who have much in common and share many of the same important resources.

Respectfully,
Valerie Tabak
Guilderland, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jonathan Owens <owensj65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:09 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Hello,

Do not split the Capital District into multiple districts. We are one region with common interests and gerrymandering will only destroy proper representation.

Thank you,

Jonathan Owens, PhD
Glenville, NY 12302
518.703.1441

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Brenda A. Wise

From: jadorso1 <jadorso1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:10 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The communities of Albany, Schenectady, Troy, Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs should remain in the same congressional district.

Please don't spilt us up.

Thank you!

Joan Durso
Latham, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: atirado9812@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:10 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

Good evening,

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,

Amber Tirado

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Brenda A. Wise

From: jzbrate@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Amsterdam is an urban locale, so close to Albany and Schenectady and is without a doubt a part of the Capital District of NY. It should absolutely be represented as such in government! Please do not change it to the ADK congressional district!

Sincerely,
Jessica Brate
21 VanDyke Avenue
Amsterdam, NY 12010

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Brenda A. Wise

From: E Lee <gne0812@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional maps

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to request that Bayside be kept as part of Congressional district 6 instead of district 3. 26th avenue on the north, Northern Blvd on the south, Bell Blvd on the east and at least Utopia Pkwy on the west should be part of CD6 as it is part of the same community board 11. They are also all part of the same 111th police precinct and the same school District 26.

Regards,
Elaine Lee, Bayside resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Kristin Brenner <zen_ozze@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:16 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Saratoga Springs

I have just received information about possible redistricting of my hometown, Saratoga Springs. I am a current resident of the city, grew up here, and have raised my family here. I have been honored to be represented by Paul Tonko for many years.

I strongly oppose 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.

This proposed redistricting will have a profound and negative effect on our community. We will lose our representation in Congress, as the current representative of the 21st district does not align with the overall population of this community. This will be devastating to our town. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Sincerely,

Kristin Brenner
21 St Rose Ct
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: holmbergjulie@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:16 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Elise Stefanik is NOT our choice to represent 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.

Sincerely,
Julie and Art Holmberg
21 Summerfield Lane
Saratoga Springs. 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Bracha Perl <brachaperl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Districts

My name is Bracha Perl, 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,
Bracha Perl

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Shimmy Idels <shimmy.idels@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:24 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens Redistricting

Hello,

My name is Shimmy Idels, 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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Shimmy Idels

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Aviva Gluck <vivgluck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:24 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Aviva Gluck, 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
Aviva Gluck

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sandy Gros <sandygros@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:24 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District maps

My name is Sandy Gros. 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
Sandy Gros

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Brenda A. Wise

From: rferna1289@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:25 PM
To: Cervas@CMU.edu; Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov
Subject: Retain the 16th Congressional District

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. Rosemarie Fernandes a Concerned Co-op City Resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Batya Fishman <hb13enrd6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is BARBARA FISHMAN.

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,
Barbara Fishman

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Brenda A. Wise

From: sophiabae@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Changes to district 6 (Bayside)

I am writing in regards to the proposed redistricting map that will shift Bayside to Congressional District 3 from Congressional District 6. The proposed map will split parts of Bayside even though the area is part of the same school district 26th, 111th police precinct, and community board 11. It is apparent that this new map was drawn with no understanding of the locality or regard for the welfare the residents who live in the area. Please reject this proposal and choose a sensible plan that will represent the interests of the residents who live in Bayside. Keep Bayside as part of District 6.

Regards,
Sophia Bae
Bayside, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Stacey Butler <staceybutler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

May 17, 2022

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,
Stacey Butler

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Melissa Ossenfort <dooher418@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:32 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.

Sincerely,
Melissa Ossenfort

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Brenda A. Wise

From: katie.jakala <katie.jakala@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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Thank you
Katie Jakala

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: ROBIN BRUMFIELD <rcb615@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NY-16 Voting District

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is imperative that NY-16 retains 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, and further marginalizing them and making it extremely difficult to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

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

As a Black woman and resident of Southwest Yonkers which is part of NY-16 this directly dropped the Black voter population in NY-16 and split these communities of interest. Our community has been heavily impacted by multiple systems and the pandemic has helped highlight these issues and more. By splitting our district into three different districts and removing the other areas from NY-16 not only does not help the Black community it puts our Black community in an extremely vulnerable position. We need, no we **DESERVE** a fairer map that will continue to best represent the Black community.

Respectfully,
Robin Brumfield,
Concerned NY-16 Voter

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Brenda A. Wise

From: SHARON GREER-MBOUTOU <greermboutou@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:34 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervaise@CMU.edu
Subject: No to the Remapping of Our Congressional District

To Whom it May Concern,

I am totally opposed to any and every effort that would be made to remap our congressional district from the 16th district to the 14th district resident of COOP City and as an almost 20-year resident an additional loss of the voting population for our community is not welcomed. Cease and desist

Sharon Greer-Mboutou
COOP City Resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Linda Snider <peridotljs@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:35 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting CD-16

As a voter in CD-16 living in Hastings On Hudson, I urge you to retain the current areas:

- 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 keep District 16 a diverse community of voters!

Sincerely,
Linda Snider
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jeremy Lansford <jeremy.lansford@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY21 redistricting

Saratoga Springs has more in common with Albany and the Capital District than with Plattsburgh and Stefanic's authoritarian vision. I hope we can align Saratoga's representation with a more mainstream representative government rep.

Jeremy Lansford
Saratoga Springs resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gilbert Chichester <glchichester@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

May 17, 2022

To the Special Master -

I am writing this email to encourage you to reconsider the placement of Columbia County in the proposed 19th Congressional District. When the new Congressional Districts, based on the 2020 census, were being developed the residents of Columbia County requested that they be part of a District along with the other Mid-Hudson Valley Counties. Our request was taken seriously.

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.

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 will negatively impact the residents who want to share our rich heritage and continue to work together for the betterment of the future of the Hudson Valley.

Thank you for your serious consideration of our request to be able to continue to work closely with our neighbors in the Hudson Valley. We have cultivated partnerships that will be more difficult to continue if separated.

Sincerely,

Gilbert L. Chichester
1426 County Route 28
Valatie, NY 12184
518-935-0923

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gabriel N Hershman, DDS <gabeherhshman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Map Concern

My name is Gabriel Hershman , 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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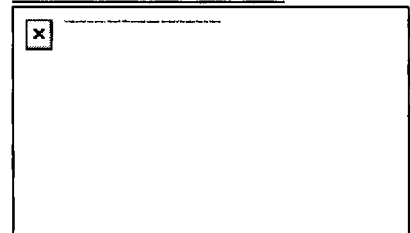
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Sincerely

Gabriel Hershman

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Elie <fried7223@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Senate Map Redistricting

To whom it may concern:

My name is Elie Fried, 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
Elie Fried, MD

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Barbara Martin <tulkaz17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Special Master:

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. For example, we share common services through the CDTA and SUNY systems. If the 20th Congressional District is split apart, it will be a hammer blow to our shared future and ruin the Capital Region's ability to speak with a unified voice in Washington DC.

Therefore, please keep the Capital Region Congressional district together.

Thank you very much.

Cordially,

Barbara Martin

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Hal Card <hcardmaeski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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>>>> I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Harold Csrd and Ellen Sheehan
10 Mitchell Place
Saratoga Springs, NY. 12866

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From: Terry Joyner <JazzyK06@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:42 PM
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"Faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without it, nothing is possible. With it nothing is impossible". Mary McLeod Bethune

Terry A. Joyner

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Brenda A. Wise

From: eliotbobg@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:43 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of 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.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Binbaum, MD

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Natacha Lapice allen <djta-1@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:44 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of Lakeview

To whom it may concern,

I am a member of the Lakeview community for the past 17 years, I'm raising my family here, I attend church services at St. Paul AME church in Rockville Centre. I love my community, I am very displeased and totally against with the new redistricting lines, Lakeview is a very small black community, we need to stay together, it makes no sense to split us up between two distric. Representation matter, we matter!!!
Sent from my iPad

Natacha Lapice Allen

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Brenda A. Wise

From: rferna1289@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Retain the 16th Congressional District

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. Rosemarie Fernandes a Concerned Co-op City Resident

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gail Seymour <seymour116@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

Dear Sirs:

Please keep Amsterdam, New York in NY 20. I grew up in Amsterdam, NY from 1940-1959.

NY 21 is just to big to lump Amsterdam in with.

Thank You,

Jim Seymour, USAF Veteran, Served Nov. 1959 to May 1963 & October 1963 to October 1967

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tina Lee <leelem99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th Congressional District - please keep Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern and hope that you will keep the cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs part of the 20th Congressional District.

These cities play an important role in the synergy of the Capital District, sharing in the services of the SUNY system and CDTA. Please consider the importance of keeping the communities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs together with their Capital District neighbors of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Pronouns: she, her, hers

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Chautauqua Updates <kengstrom138@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please support redrawn voting district maps

May 17, 2022

Re: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

Dear Honorable McAllister:

I support the newly redrawn New York State voter district maps. The redrawn maps provide more fair representation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The gerrymandered maps are completely unacceptable, regardless of favored party affiliation.

Thank you for considering the importance of fair representation of all New York State voters. We feel it is vital that each unique region with their many different values and concerns be adequately represented. Your contribution to a non - partisan decision is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Karen Engstrom 716 753-7062
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Mayville New York 14757

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Althea Kitchens <althea.kitchens@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: In Response to NY-16

Greetings,

I am reaching out to you as a Bronx Resident who is concerned about the redistricting of Congressional District 16, currently represented by Rep. Jamaal Bowman.

I am just learning of this change, and as a community leader, I feel that this prompt change that has huge implications, needs to be thoroughly thought out. Furthermore:

- 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 for taking the time to considering this.

~ althea

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Steven Siebert <ssiebert@notabene.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed district threatens diversity and representation

Hello,

I have been following the redistricting in NY State from almost the beginning. I was concerned about the seeming gerrymandering of the maps originally adopted, and looked forward to a less partisan map from the special master.

But now that I have seen the proposed map, I must say that I am quite disturbed by the changes to my congressional district, NYCD 16. One of the major virtues of the existing map is that it brings together communities who need to talk together, namely Black communities in the northeast Bronx and more affluent white communities in southern Westchester, with Yonkers bridging those divides. This has led to discussions and policies that have made us all stronger.

As best I can tell, the proposed redistricting that moves Co-Op City out of NYCD 16 diminishes the Black vote, by up to perhaps a bit over 15%, and thus threatens the unique configuration where diverse communities learn to shape a common future. But beyond that, it risks marginalizing Black people more broadly, by making it more difficult for them (and those who share a commitment to enabling Black voices) to elect candidates that represent their interests. As America continues to grapple with its long history of failing to give Black communities a say in America's future, reducing Black representation, something that might happen if Co-Op City is split off into NYCD 14, is a disturbing step backward.

I very much hope that you can act on this concern – it is vital that we strengthen Black interests, not diminish them.

Sincerely,

Steven Siebert
113 Hamilton Ave.
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
(917) 612-2150

P.S. Other friends of mine who are a bit more familiar with the northeast Bronx argue that Edenwald and Williamsbridge properly belong with Co-Op City, and that they should all continue to be included in NYCD 16. From what I know, that makes sense to me.



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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anna <amarie.hernandez529@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:48 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Senate District 46

Good evening,

I am writing this evening **URGING** the consideration to **NOT** break out Greene County from current Senate district 46. Greene County is considered a "twin" county to Columbia County. Redistricting would separate Columbia and Greene counties at the detriment to Greene County.

We share many services with Columbia County. I would like to list a few for you.

Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Columbia-Greene Humane Society.

Columbia-Greene Community College.

Columbia-Greene Cornell Cooperative Extension Mental Health Association for Columbia and Greene Counties.

Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition.

Columbia-Greene Shared Services Support Team.

I'm sure you see a running theme in the names and these are just a few off the top of my head.

Please, do not allow our twin counties to be broken up into two Senate districts. The impact would most definitely be negative for the residence of our beautiful counties.

Thoughtfully,
Anna

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Vicki Michela <vickimichela@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Hello,

As a resident of Schenectady County, I am writing to urge the Special Master to keep the cities of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs within the 20th Congressional District which includes the other cities of the Capitol District. Our cities are bound not just by geographical proximity but a long and shared history. Splitting them apart will diminish their representation and voice in Washington.

I appreciate all of the time and attention you have given to making the map fair. Please take into account the wishes of the residents who are directly affected and reconsider amending the proposed 20th district map.

Thank you,

Vicki Michela
Niskayuna, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tzipah Wertheimer <tzipah@qchabad.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Zoning map

My name is Carrie Wertheimer, 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
Carrie

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Leigh Stallings <leighstallings60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional 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.

Sincerely,

Leigh L. Stallings

246 West Avenue, #201
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
919-606-9827

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carmen Nelson <cadanja@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Steubensuperior@nycourts.gov; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Attempt to remap Congressional District.

I am writing in protest of the upcoming vote to change or split the 16th voting district to the 14th voting district. Marginalizing the vote of people of color, in an attempt to take away our voting rights. CoOp City and the Northeast Bronx are vital areas in this city, we need our voice heard and the way we can do that is through our votes. This is another way to evidently take our voice and vote away. I stand in protest of this upcoming vote!!!

Thank you

Carmen Nelson

A concerned resident of Co Op City

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Paik Bow Mary <MBow@schools.nyc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Map change

To whom it may concern,

I am a Bayside resident for over 22 years and have been made aware of intended changes in the new congressional maps. I strongly wish to keep Bayside as part of Congressional District 6 instead of District 3. (ie. 26th Avenue on the north, Northern Blvd. on the south, Bell Blvd. on the east, and at least Utopia on the west should remain part of CD6 as it is part of the same Community Board 11, same 111th Police Precinct, and same school District 26.) I am beseeching you to reconsider and allow our current congressional leaders to maintain their existing districts.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter as well as all you do for our community.

Mary Bow
PS 41 Parent Coordinator
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(718)423-8333/(347)886-1717
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mbow@schools.nyc.gov

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gloria Worsley <worsleygloria@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:56 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting 16th congressional district

I disagree with this Redistricting 16th congressional district .

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Michele_riedl <Michele_riedl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: KEEP AMSTERDAM IN NY20

As a former resident of the city of Amsterdam, NY, with a large number of family members still residing there, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove this 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 these 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.

Sincerely,
Michele (Andrews) Riedl
Formerly of 191 Northampton Rd, Amsterdam (where my parents still reside after 45 years)

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: jonskinner@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:59 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please don't move my favorite congressman, Paul Tonko, out of my district! We have been together ever since he followed Mike McNulty into the seat. It was by a primary Paul won, not by an appointment to the candidacy at the last minute. The monied elites who think, mistakenly, that no damage to our democracy or environment can hurt them would certainly rather see him gerrymandered out. The rest of us know better. Please!

Jonathan Skinner
363 Partridge Street
Albany, NY 12208

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Thelma Walker-Wallace <thelwallace12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

The redistricting of the map is very, very wrong. You have divide New York City Voters with the following:

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Sincerely,

Thelma Walker-Wallace
3411 Irwin Avenue, Apt. 20-G
Bronx, NY 10463

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anthony Haley <a.jarrod1987@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:01 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: PLEASE

To Whom This May Concern,

Breaking the bond that this community of minorities has had will be a detriment to this area. Please keep Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge and lower Westchester in the 16th Congressional District.

I've lived here all my life (Over 30+ years) and the influence that people of color have over the betterment of this area has made my upbringing all the better.

Please consider this in your final decision.

Warmly,

Anthony J. Haley

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Aharon Katz <thekatzman47@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd: Kew Gardens Hills and Redistricting

My name is Alan 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,
Alan Katz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Nancy Perini <perini819@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

To the Special Master,

I strongly oppose the removal of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs from Congressional District 20. These cities are part of the Capital region and have many common goals and challenges. We share resources through our CDTA and SUNY systems. Placing these two small cities in Districts that have very different needs from their own will be detrimental to those citizens. I urge you to put Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs back into the District 20 so we can all continue to support each other and be properly represented.

Sincerely,
Nancy Perini
67 Academy Road
Albany, NY 12208

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