

Brenda A. Wise

From: necham waxman <nbwaxman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Maps

My name is Nechama Felt, 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
Nechama Felt

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From: Dorothy Schwarz <dorschwarz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: RE Senate Map Redistributing

My name is Dorothy Moskovich. 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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Dorothy Moskovich

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From: Donnell Bolden <d.grant.bolden@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:04 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; Brenda A. Wise
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.

Donnell Bolden

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From: Woody Woodbeck <woodywoodbeck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:07 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20!

Hello there!

My name is Johnathan "Woody" Woodbeck, an Amsterdam native and High School graduate of 1999. I have read up on the redistricting of our area and felt compelled to write in because our community needs to be heard.

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.

Many thanks for your time and attention to this email.

Best,
Johnathan aka Woody

Woody Woodbeck
TV Producer
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From: Marsha North <marsha.north@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

May 17, 2022

Dear Honorable McAllister:

I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps for a fairer representation for all NYS voters.

Each individual region has unique needs, views and values.

Thank you for your consideration and time of this issue.

Sincerely,

Marsha North
1306 Cross Rd.
Freedom, NY 14065

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Brenda A. Wise

From: moshe mehdyz <mmmoshe78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:09 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Senate mapping

My name is Behdad Mehdyzadeh, 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
Behdad Mehdyzadeh

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From: Freya Bellin Levow <freya.levow@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 20th/21st Redistricting

Hello,

I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove Saratoga Springs 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. 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,
Freya

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Brenda A. Wise

From: mona@adksports.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:12 PM
To: bwise@nycourts.gov.
Subject: 20th Congressional District

Dear Special Master,

I am writing to express my support for keeping the NYS 20th Congressional District together and intact. The Capital Region has been kept together in the same district for good reason – the shared communities and cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have much in common. The 20th Congressional District will enable the Capital Region to have a unified voice in Washington DC.

Thank you,
Mona Caron

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From: Gerald Cohen <geraldc914@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:12 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY-16 electoral maps

Dear Justice McAllister:

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

NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester.

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

Thank you.

Gerald Cohen
Yonkers

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From: Josh Lintz <joshlintz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:15 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY State Senate maps

Good evening,

My name is Joshua Lintz, 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.

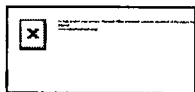
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Sincerely,
Joshua Lintz

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Joshua Lintz
Executive Director
Netzach Outreach



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From: Carla Lesh <carla.lesh@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

I oppose the redistricting plan that divides Kingston into two congressional districts. Kingston should be kept in one congressional district.

Carla Lesh
112 East Chester Street, Kingston, NY

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From: Joseph Bruckner <jbrucknerdds@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Senate Maps

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Sincerely,
Joseph Bruckner

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Bow <marypaikbow@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:19 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Maps 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
29-19 210th Place
Bayside, NY 11360

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Amanda DeBrule <amanda.debrule@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs Congressional District

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,
Amanda DeBrule

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Wendy Silverman <wendy10475@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: The Current attempt to remap our district in Coop City

Hi I was just informed about the attempt to move the congressional district from the 16th into the 14th district , This is not fair that this is going to be done with such short notice and that our voices can not be heard. , It needs to be retained into the 16th Congressional district , I hope that can be resolved

resident) Thanks, Wendy (coop city

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From: cseeger loudimage.com <cseeger@loudimage.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:23 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Please Don't split Rockville Centre - Proposed redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

The proposed re-districting will split Rockville Centre between two senators.

If this map is implemented, Rockville Centre will be weakened while the focus from our elected officials will be diffused between two senators.

Rockville Centre is built around a unified school system, has the same utilities, and faces common challenges. Our representation cannot be as effective if it is not unified.

A concerned citizen,

Chris Seeger
58 Strathmore Lane
Rockville Centre, NY 11570-1848

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From: Eleanor Tunny <emtunn40@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:25 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please consider my opinion as I have been a resident of tri city area in upstate NYS for 80 years this year 2022. My grave concern is the movement toward a dictatorship rule of law. The recent gerrymandering proposal to expand Republican control in upper NYS is another tactic to accomplish that goal. I urge you to refuse to this proposal and uphold the Democracy our forefathers formed for all the people.

I pray your objectivity will prevail for all people.

Eleanor Tunny
6 Winners Circle #332
Albany NY 12205

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From: Neysa Lewis <juwan97@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY - 16 Map

Please do not dilute the voting power of communities of color! Please consider the following before you all finalize the 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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Respectfully,
A Concerned Citizen

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From: Elizabeth Kindar <zab322@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:28 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Laragoogle <larabelle613@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:30 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens Redistricting

Hi,

My name is Lara. 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,
Lara

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Seamus Campbell <seamus.o.campbell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:31 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Public Comment regarding proposed State Senate map
Attachments: Justice_McAllister-Letter-Seamus_Campbell.pdf

Dear Ms. Wise,

Please find attached my comments for consideration by Justice McCallister and Special Master Cervas regarding the proposed state senate maps.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Seamus Campbell
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75 Henry Street Apt. 3E, Brooklyn, NY 11201

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

Dear Justice McAllister,

I write to you with concern regarding a particular section of the state Senate district maps drafted by Special Master Professor Jonathan Cervas - namely the southwest corner of the proposed Senate District 25 that is bordered by a triangular formation by Flatbush Avenue, Warren Street/Prospect Place, and 4th Avenue in Brooklyn.

As I am sure Your Honor is aware, the New York State Constitution requires that when the Independent Redistricting Commission drafts legislative districts, they "shall consider the maintenance of cores of existing districts, of pre-existing political subdivisions, including counties, cities, and towns, and of communities of interest" (NY Const, art III, § 35 [c] [5]). I do believe the boundaries drawn by the Special Master, in the Commission's stead, violate that requirement.

In the spirit of full disclosure, please note that I am currently a candidate for Democratic State Committee for Kings County's Assembly District 52. Throughout my candidacy, I have listened intently to the concerns of the people I wish to represent. To that end, approximately three weeks ago, I had a campaign stop in the Park Slope section of Brooklyn along Bergen Street, just south of the Barclays Center – the area of my concern. Many of the people with whom I have spoken told me of concerns they had regarding traffic enforcement and a lack of green space in that area. Those residents told me of their efforts at advocating with their elected representatives and other government officials for assistance on those issues. I bring this to The Court's attention because my concern is that by splitting that section of Park Slope out of the rest of the senatorial district, there will not be a unified community voice, via a single state senator, on those kinds of hyperlocal concerns.

If the district lines, as drafted by Professor Cervas, are any indication, whoever the senator is for Senate District 25, I fear will focus on the concerns of the constituents in the Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Prospect Heights, Ocean Hill, and Brownsville sections of Brooklyn since those neighborhoods would undoubtedly constitute the areas where

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the majority of the senator's constituents reside. To that end, the small triangularly-shaped area of Park Slope to which I am referring currently has, by the last count, 2,349 voters (the total population no doubt being likely slightly larger). With each senate district containing roughly 309,682 residents (calculated by dividing the New York State population of 19.51 million, as determined by the 2020 Census, by the 63 seats in the New York State Senate), the constituents in question equate to less than 0.76% of the total senatorial district's population. If the sheer numbers are any indication, it would seem inevitable that the needs of the neighborhoods with more constituents would likely take priority. I am sure Your Honor would agree that neighborhoods would certainly constitute a community of interest.

With that in mind, I would like to inform Your Honor that the current and new Assembly district map, as well as the 2012 Senate map, all keep that section of Park Slope together with Boerum Hill to the west since they share similar community concerns. The New York State Constitution requires that, when drawing legislative boundaries, the Special Master - taking the place of the Independent Redistricting Commission - "shall consider the maintenance of cores of existing districts, [and] of pre-existing political subdivisions." Since the aforementioned current and future district boundaries all keep this one section of Park Slope together, the senate districts should as well.

Moreover, on the matter of the "maintenance of cores of existing districts, [and] of pre-existing political subdivisions," the boundary lines drawn for the proposed Senate District 25 violate that requirement for another reason.

Pending any further litigation, the district lines that have been drawn for the Assembly and the subsequent election districts, which are, of course, political subdivisions of the Assembly district, are subject to this Court's ruling last week. However, the Court should be made aware that the proposed Senate District 25 bifurcates Election District 72 of Assembly District 52 by adding a border through Warren Street/Prospect Place (for the Court's convenience, I have included a map, in Figure 01, which overlays the Election District map for the area, as drawn by the New York City Board of Elections, with the proposed senate map). As the Court knows, each election district must reside in exactly one congressional district, one senatorial district, and one assembly district (Election Law, art 15, § 4-100 [3], [a]). Since Election District 72 in question is certainly a "pre-existing political subdivision," the proposed Senate District 25 boundaries, as drafted, violate that rule. The only remedy for the election district in question would be for the New York City Board of Elections to redraw the Election

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District 72 so that it is no longer split between two senatorial districts. However, since election districts must also be of roughly equal population, ranging from nine-hundred fifty to eleven-hundred fifty, the remedy for Election District 72 would have a cascading effect on the rest of the Assembly District 52's (Election Law, art 15, § 4-100 [3], [a]), causing all its Election Districts to be re-drawn. I note that hundreds of candidates for the Kings County Democratic County Committee in the Assembly District 52, including those in Election Districts 72 and 73, which would be most impacted, have already gathered and submitted the requisite ballot petition signatures to serve on the County Committee and this proposed map would potentially disenfranchise them.

As a solution, I ask the Court to move the area of Park Slope bordered by Flatbush Avenue, Warren Street/Prospect Place, and 4th Avenue from the proposed Senate District 25 into the proposed Senate District 26 where it will undoubtedly be able to can unify its voice with the residents of Boerum Hill to the west. This can simply be done by moving the border that divides Senate Districts 25 and 26 to Flatbush Avenue in order to coincide with the district lines for Assembly District 52.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Seamus Campbell

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Brooklyn, NY 11201

via email

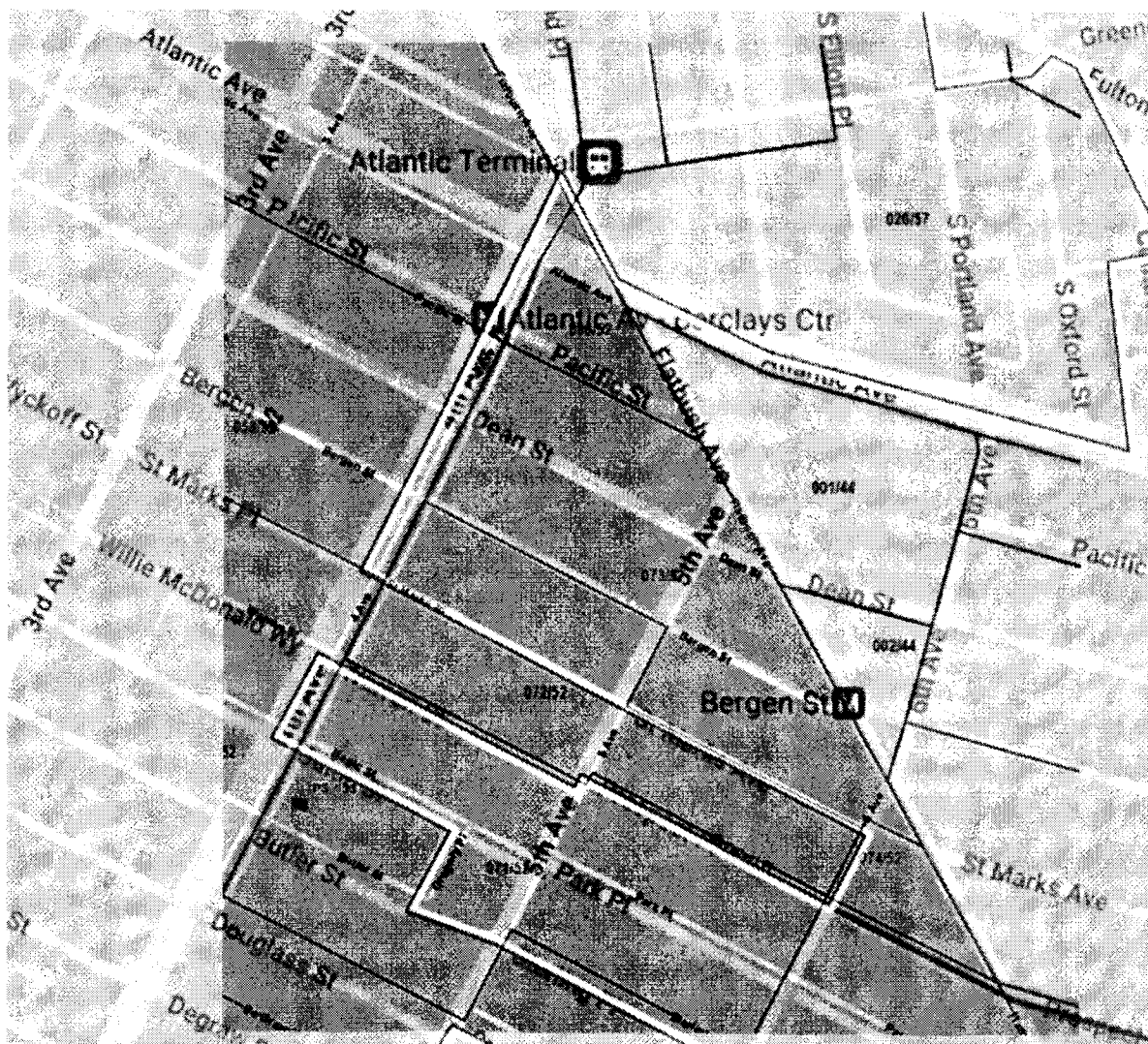
cc: Professor Jonathan Cervas

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Figure 01



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From: Holly Malekian <hollybeach3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:32 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting map concern

Dear Justice McAllister,

The Rivertowns of Westchester County, including the towns of Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, Ossining, Cortlandt, as well as the city of Peekskill, is a community of interest owing to its common exposure to the Hudson River floodplain and its shared infrastructure, which includes the Hudson Metro North Line, Route 9, and the Old Croton Aqueduct. A Village Consortium consists of Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, and Sleepy Hollow that comes together to pursue improvements to public safety and transit use around the Mario Cuomo Bridge and Route 9, not to mention sharing best practices around sustainability issues.

Greenburgh and White Plains are inextricably intertwined communities and should not be in separate congressional districts.

Dutchess County is not connected to Westchester County socially, politically or economically and should not be included in CD 17.

Please keep these congressional districts separate!

Thank you,
Holly Malekian
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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From: Alana Leung <alanaptastuff@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Bayside for Congressional 6

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing a request to keep Bayside as part of Congressional 6. I hope you will put in favor my heartfelt request for my community. Thank you.

Kindly,
Alana Leung

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From: abraham zipper <a2z22@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:38 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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Sincerely,
Abraham Zipper

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary B <marybuszuwski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:39 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Request to Maintain Saratoga Springs within 20th Congressional District Centered with the Greater Capital Region

As a long-time 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 significantly 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

Mary Buszuwski
518-538-3831

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Judy Ramsey <judyramz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:40 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Capital Region shares the SUNY system. There are other examples of shared connections within the region. Because of that, it's important to keep the region as it has been to ensure that what has been built together is not weakened or destroyed by separation. I urge you to listen to others who are concerned about this and revisit your options to do what is best for the area.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,

Judith M Ramsey

5 Sky Terrace, Voorheesville, NY 12186

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Alyson Abraham <alylurie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NY-7

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I am a resident of Congressional District NY-7. I am writing for the current NY-7 lines and it's numerous communities of interest be restored. While the proposed map does keep the Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, and Gowanus area together, it excludes Red Hook which should also be included as we share a navigable superfund site (the Gowanus Canal), schools, libraries, a post office, recreational facilities, a community board, etc. Many residents in the adjoining neighborhoods frequently grocery shop, dine, and attend performances in Red Hook. As a matter of fact NY-7's representative has chosen Red Hook as her home.

I have two children of voting age who will lose this vital representation as the proposed maps cut the current NY-7 in half while unnecessarily creating a new and unrepresented NY-10. NY-7 should be drawn to include Red Hook, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, along with Sunset Park (which shares communities of interest with other NY-7 neighborhoods of Bushwick and the Manhattan Chinatown) which shares a school district (15) with the other neighborhoods.

I thank you and implore you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Alyson Abraham

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Natalie Polvere <polverenatalie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:42 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Natalie Polvere
Subject: Redistricting of New York's CD-16
Attachments: Redistricting of New York CD-16.pdf

Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Steuben County Supreme Court
Bath, New York 14810

I am writing to comment on the proposed map of Congressional District 16 released yesterday by Special Master Jonathan Cervas.

I am a resident of CD 16 in New York – a diverse district which cuts across race and class in southern Westchester County and the northern Bronx of New York City. CD16's residents range from middle- and upper-middle class suburban neighborhoods to high-density, moderate- to low-income city neighborhoods. It is, in many respects, the kind of diverse constituency that one would like to see across the state.

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Natalie Polvere
Yonkers, New York 10710

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Natalie Polvere
Yonkers, New York 10710

Brenda A. Wise

From: Clare Wander <clarewander@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:45 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Districts

As a constituent of Bayside, I would like to request that Bayside be kept as part of congressional district 6 instead of 3. Twenty sixth avenue on the north, Northern Blvd on the south, Bell Blvd on the East and at least Utopia on the west should be part of CD 6 as it's part of the same community board 11, same 111th police precinct and the same school district 26.

Thanks for your help.

Clare Wander
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mark Neuhauser <mordy314@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:46 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Senate Map Redistricting

My name is Mark Neuhauser 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

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Brenda A. Wise

From: MaryAnn Carr <maryanncarr_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:47 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Congressional District 16

o NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester

o 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.

o 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.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: mariashomescentury21@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New Congressional Maps

I am writing today to say that I oppose the changing of my Congressional district from district 6 to district 3.
I would hate to lose my Congresswomen Grace Meng she does so much good for community.

Thank you for your time with this matter.

Regards.

Mary Hadjiconstantinou
46-40 Bell Blvd.
Bayside NY 11361

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Linda <ldblau@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:52 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting of Coop City

Good Day,

As a Coop City resident for the past 34 years, I am requesting that the northeast Bronx be retained with the lower Westchester. Lower Westchester and the northeast Bronx have similar populations and similar needs. Changing the redistricting would dilute the Black voter population.

Please retain the current redistricting and allow the Black voter population to be served properly.

Sincerely,

Linda Brown

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Francine Jones <franreva@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:53 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervas@CMU.edu
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

Hello,

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

Thank you,
Francine Jones

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Brenda A. Wise

From: tabitha savoie <tab26ny@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:57 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 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: Elan Bakst <lanlanbakst@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:57 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

My name is Elan Bakst, 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,
Elan Bakst

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ari Weiss <jariweiss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise

My name is Ari Weiss.

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Sincerely

Ari Weiss

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Cindy S <cmui17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comments on the new redistricting maps for district 6

Dear Judge McAllister

I am writing to ask your consideration to keep Bayside a part of congressional district 6 rather than changing to district 3. The area in Bayside that is bordered by 26th avenue on the north, Northern Blvd on the south, Bell Blvd on the east, and Utopia Parkway on the west should at least remain a part of district 6 since this area is also part of community board 11, the 111th police precinct, and is in the same school district 26. To make such a dramatic change is disruptive and confusing for the residents of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Cindy Sadikot, MD
Bayside, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Eileen O'Connor <eileenmoconnor30@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:00 PM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: Need fairer CD16

5/17/22

To Special Master Cuevas,

I am writing to keep the northeast communities of the Bronx: Coop City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge in NYCD16. These black majority neighborhoods need to be considered communities of interest and therefore kept together so as to not dilute their political strength.

As it stand now they have been split into 3 Congressional Districts : 14, 15 and 16.

I am A Family Nurse Practitioner and have worked in the Bronx for many years. I know first hand how the Black community has been hard hit by Covid and other health issues. They need to be able to mobilize, have their voices heard, not split 3 ways.

Please keep these communities in CD16!

Respectfully,

Eileen O'Connor FNP

Resident of NYCD16

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christopher Smith <adeodatus@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Dear Sir:

I am especially dismayed by the carving out of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs from Paul Tonko's congressional district. I have known Rep. Tonko for 32 years and especially value our friendship. He also represents my values and interests in the U. S. Congress. Please reconsider this change to the NYS electoral maps.

Sincerely,
Christopher A Smith
12 Main St
Hagaman, NY 12086
Town of Amsterdam

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Anthony R. Davidson <ard2924@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:06 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Anthony Davidson and 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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I thank you for your consideration.

Anthony Davidson

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Gabriella Concepcion <gabriellaconcepcion78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:07 PM
To: Cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Subject: STOP Redistricting NY-16

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not allow the redistricting of district NY-16. This will take away the voting power of our people of color. We need to be effectively represented by our leaders. The chances of that happening if redistricting occurs will be greatly diminished. Please do not allow blatant attempts to silence people of color and further tip the scales against our favor.

Thank you for your role in ensuring the fair representation of all Americans.

Sincerely,
Gabriella Concepcion

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Ilya <ikatanov88@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:12 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

Hi,

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Sincerely

Thank You,
Ilya Katanov

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Cindy S <cmui17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Also, changing Bayside to district 3, which currently covers northern Nassau county, also does not make sense. Our representative should not cover both NYC and Long Island neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration. Please keep Bayside part of district 6.

Sincerely,
Cindy Sadikot, MD
Bayside, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rebecca Lish <mutlishmac@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:14 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Testimony re: Special Master's Map

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my dismay at the most recent redistricting map from the Special Master. I live in the Northwest Bronx, which has been split off from lower Westchester, diminishing the voices of Black voters. NYCD16 has been represented by a powerful Black voice in the House. The redrawn lines reduce the Black voter population by 17% putting our fine incumbent at risk.

Marginalization of an under-represented community is unacceptable. We are still in the early phase of shifting from a shamefully low number of non-white elected officials to a more appropriately representative government at every level.

The Northeast Bronx communities of Co-op City, Williamsbridge, Edenwald and Baychester are split off from NYCD16 into other districts which further reduces the impact of Black voters, who, as a community of shared interest, should not be divided in this manner. That end result is in violation of the stated intent to maintain communities of shared interest within new district lines.

This most recent map can not move forward without causing harm to voters already disempowered and under attack.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Rebecca Lish
3135 Johnson Avenue #9H
Bronx, NY
10463

mutlishmac@me.com

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christine Dinsmore <chdinsmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:17 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricted Maps

I would like to add my comments about the redistricted maps:

I live in Ulster County and believe that the entire county should be in the same Congressional District. We in Ulster County, regardless of whether we live in a rural, suburban or urban area, have shared experiences and concerns. We need meaningful representation in Congress--someone who understands the commonality of its residents, rather than making assumptions based on geographical boundaries. Additionally, splitting Kingston into two Congressional Districts undermines the political agency of minorities and communities of color. While I am certain that the mapmaker was being fair, he created a map without the lived experience of a New Yorker or our input. It's time for representatives of the people to be part of the redistricting process.

Christine Dinsmore
976 Church Road
Saugerties, NY 12477
845-246-2195

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Karla Robinson <karlarobinson33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:18 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; SteubenSuperior@nycourts.gov; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Oppose special masters NY-16 redistrictiog

Hello

I am a constituent from Co-Op city and I vehemently oppose the special masters proposed map for NY-16. It is a clear attempt to disenfranchise predominantly Black and low income communities by decreasing the NY-16 Black population by 17%. This will drastically reduce our ability to advocate for our most vulnerable and negatively impact our quality of life. I implore you- the Black voting power in NY-16 cannot be changed to be less fair and more unjust.

Thank you.

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Warmly,
Karla

Karla Robinson, M.S.Ed.
Gural Scholars Faculty, The New School
Poet-in-Residence, Bronx Academy of Letters
she/her/hers

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Kevin O'Brien <kpo12866@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Saratoga Springs is often referred to as the jewel of the Capital District! Surely it's an economic powerhouse to the Capital Region SMSA. Separating Saratoga from the proposed Congressional District set to represent this SMSA makes no sense whatsoever! Issues affecting Saratoga Springs are of an urban nature totally unrelated to the rural issues confronting NY's North Country! Please reconsider the draft district lines for the 20th and 21st congressional districts and do right by Saratoga Springs and it's rightful integration within the Albany SMSA!!

Kevin OBrien
11 Callagan Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY

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