

Brenda A. Wise

From: Brian Sugrue <bjs911@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 8:51 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Capital district

Dear Special Master,

Please reconsider splitting up the current Capital District congressional district NY-20. It's important that the areas of Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs remain in the district as so many people from those areas travel to Albany for work, medical care, and school. Having singular representation of this area in congress is also important for the continued regional growth. We all need to be on the same page here! Please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Brian Sugrue
Albany, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Heather Buck <heatherbuck@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:13 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Park Slope redistricting

Dear Justice McAllister,

I learned recently that the triangular Northwestern tip of Park Slope, bounded by St. Marks Place, Fourth Avenue and Flatbush Avenue has been cut off from the rest of the Park Slope Community in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts. As a long-time resident of this neighborhood, I respectfully ask that you reconsider this change and reconnect these few blocks with their rightful community.

With thanks for your consideration,
Heather Buck
(399 Bergen Street between 4th and 5th Avenues)

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Dylan Basescu <dylanbasescu@law.gwu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:19 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Congressional Maps

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of New York's current 17th Congressional District and the 17th District as drawn by the Special Master's maps, zip code 10520. I am also a law student at The George Washington University Law School and have followed with interest the developing cases surrounding NY's congressional maps.

I am emailing to note my objection to the congressional redistricting plan submitted on Monday, May 16th by the Special Master. This plan splits a number of communities of interest which could efficiently be placed in a single district, including the Upper Hudson Valley into districts 18 and 19, The Buffalo metro area between districts 23 and 26, and splits racial communities of interest across districts 8, 9, and 10. These districts fall short of the careful study and consideration which should be expected to result from districts drawn by nonpartisan expertise. As a student of the law and as a resident, I ask that these maps be amended to better reflect geographic and demographic communities of interest.

-Dylan Basescu

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Brenda A. Wise

From: kbrowntrautner@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:27 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please reconsider

To Whome It May Concern,

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, New York, 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 ask you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th congressional district when you finalize the congressional maps. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Be well,

Kerry Brown Trautner

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Brenda A. Wise

From: P C <pjc123@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:31 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District change

Hi there,

It appears that the triangular Northwestern tip of Park Slope, bounded by St. Marks Place, Fourth Avenue and Flatbush Avenue has been cut off from the rest of the Park Slope Community in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts. As a long-time resident of this neighborhood, I respectfully ask that you reconsider this change and reconnect these few blocks with their rightful community.

Jennifer Ross
392 Bergen Street

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Colin Klepetar <colinklepetar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - ED20 - ED21

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this evening in hopes that my voice will be considered to urge you to adjust the proposed redistricting maps before they are finalized on Friday. My family and I live in Saratoga Springs (currently ED20) which is a community 45 minutes north of Albany and is considered part of the Capital District (with Albany, Schenectady, Troy and Amsterdam). We have a strong, diverse, and successful economy with many (if not a majority of) folks who commute to work in other parts of the Capital Region. The traits and characteristics of our community, our citizenry, our goals, etc. align well with those of our neighbors to the south in the rest of the Capital District. Which is why placing our community within the North Country ED21, as seen in the proposed Congressional map, does a disservice and goes against what we have worked so hard to create. The evidence of this is extremely visible in the fact that our population growth has continued to expand in our community whereas much of the communities in ED21 have seen stark declines. The population growth in our community is one of the many positive aspects that is a direct result of the goals/priorities we have worked towards. With that being said, my wife and I fear that by adjusting the Congressional Map and purposefully shifting our current district to a district that has very different priorities will negatively affect what we all have worked so hard for in our small city.

Thank you for your consideration,
Colin Klepetar and Megan Mumford
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jacob Stachowicz <jstachowiczny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:58 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Congressional Map (Cervas Plan) - Double Bunking Concerns

To the NYS courts,
I wanted to ask if it at all might be possible to modify the map proposed for NY as to prevent unnecessary double bunking among districts 16, 17, and 18?

Currently Jamaal Bowman represents NY16, Mondaire Jones represents NY17, and Sean Patrick Maloney represents NY18.

But with the new maps, Maloney would reside in NY17, and Jones/Bowman would both reside in NY16. The overall regions of the proposed map does match generally with the regions of the 2012-2020 map, but this instance of double bunking can really conflict with the historical interaction of past incumbents with their districts.

The district leans and general regions are fine (I am happy that NY17 isn't going all the way north to Columbia County, which causes a weird fusion of suburban and exurban communities), it really is just the concern in regards to the odd double bunking. Not to mention the potentially poor optics of having two high profile, younger black representatives being forced into running against each other in the same district (or one having to run against the DCCC chair).

If it is possible to modify the plan, please consider this. The border modifications can be small, it's just so the weird double bunking can be addressed.

Thank you.
-Jacob Stachowicz, a person who lives within NY-17 past and present.

(Side note: I first sent this message to Jonathan Cervas's college email, so if this issue was already reported by Dr. Cervas himself, that is why.)

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jason Tepper <jasontepper@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fair and Appropriate Redistricting of Saratoga Springs, NY to the 20th District

Dear 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. My family, along with 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 please include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,
Jason T. Tepper

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Beth Muldoon <beth62006@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Amsterdam strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Saratoga Springs. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities, and just this month it was announced that the Capital District Transportation Authority would be expanding its service into Amsterdam. Placing Amsterdam into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Concerned,

Elizabeth Muldoon - a proud Amsterdam resident that is opposed to this change.

Sent from my iPad

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Christopher Carpenter <chris.carpenter061497@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: KEEP AMSTERDAM IN NY20

I beg of you to keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Tara Eaton-Tensen <t.eatontensen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:12 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: ED20 and ED21 Redistricting

Dear Special Master for NY 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.

Personally, I have lived in Saratoga Springs and worked in Troy for over 15 years. Saratoga Springs is an integral part of the Capital Region, not the North Country. We are a small urban area better represented by someone familiar with the unique needs of our city. Our urban, downtown nature is more similar to Albany, Troy, and Schenectady than any city in the North Country.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Tara Eaton

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From: Drayton Patriota <patriotadrayton@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:16 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District

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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Drayton Patriota
617 939 4781

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Maureen Luci <moeluci@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:20 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
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Maureen Mascaro

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From: Rich <rich465@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:21 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Bay Ridge Redistricting

To: Justice Patrick McAllister's clerk,

The new district lines for Congress and the State Senate in New York carves up Bay Ridge between two Assembly Districts, one that runs east to Coney Island and the other that stretches across the bridge into Staten Island, and under these new lines, the Bay Ridge state senate seat would be carved into into not one, not two, but **three different State Senate districts.**

By dividing us into districts anchored by other neighborhoods around us, these maps would further dilute the power we have to advocate for our community-specific, shared needs and goals.

Please redistrict so that Bay Ridge has a unified district.

Thank you,

Richard Zammarioni
465 84th Street, apt. D1
Brooklyn, NY 11209
718-836-3367

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Brenda A. Wise

From: deegreat1 <deegreat1@zoho.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:22 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Addressing questions regarding the proposed Congressional Maps

Greetings Justice McAllister,

I am Denise Thompson, a registered voter from Long Island in New York. Along with other residents from my community, we have had an opportunity to review the proposed Congressional maps as outlined by the court appointed Special Master, Dr. Jonathan Cervas.

I understand interested parties will be provided with an opportunity for to provide comments about the proposed Congressional maps. To better understand this process, I have a few questions that hopefully you can address or point me to the person who can.

1. What is the email address to send written comments to the court and what is the deadline for such comments to be submitted?
2. Should comments also be submitted to Dr. Cervas, the Special Master? If so, what email address should be used?
3. Is there also an opportunity to deliver oral comments? If so, where and when can these comments be delivered?

Thanking you in advance for addressing my questions and pointing me in the right direction. Because time is of the essence, I look forward to your response to my questions by noon Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Warm Regards,

Denise Thompson

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From: Frank Szykowski <franktuman01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:37 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Amsterdam, NY

As a resident of Amsterdam I am strongly opposed to the Congressional map that would remove Amsterdam from the New York Capital region. I encourage you to keep Amsterdam in the 20th Congressional District.

Frank Szykowski
Amsterdam, NY 12010

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From: Daniel S O'Connor <d.oconnor@hvcc.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:41 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Formal written comment submission
Attachments: Designating Petition Signature Requirement Note.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached is my written comment, as a citizen concerned about details of Judge McAllister's May 11th decision.

In the event of any problems opening the attachment, I am copy/pasting the entirety of its text below as well.

Sincerely,

Professor Daniel O'Connor

Daniel O'Connor
PO Box 10852
Albany, NY 12201
d.oconnor@hvcc.edu
May 16th, 2022

To,
The Honorable Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court of the State of New York
County of Steuben

Dear Judge Patrick McAllister,

I am a citizen and resident of New York State and an adjunct Philosophy Professor at the State University of New York Community College at Hudson Valley in Troy, NY. I am writing in relation to the congressional Ballot Access requirements delineated within your decision filed on 5/11/2022.

Although this decision reduced the customary window during which designating petition signatures may be collected almost by half (from 37 days to 20 days), the number of signatures required was scarcely changed (only decreasing from 1,250 to 1,062). To be precise, this constitutes a 46% reduction in time to collect signatures, but only a 15% reduction in the number of signatures required; entailing a duty to collect, on average, 53 signatures each day instead of 33.

This appears to be an unwarranted barrier placed before the reasonable Ballot Access measures upon which Democracy's flourishing rests. Many citizens have woken up, this very day, to find themselves within new Congressional Districts. How can they have any hope of exercising their right to run for office with such exorbitant, unprecedented demands placed upon their right to Ballot Access? Indeed, never before have such

extraordinary demands been promulgated for Designating Petition signature collection rates. What defense can be given to justify why this year is suddenly the appropriate time impose such a novel and heavy burden?

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While the window during which signatures may be collected is understandably inflexible under Election Law, the only reasonable recourse here is to reduce the number of signatures required by the same proportion the time period for collecting them was reduced. If we are only given 20 days to collect, then only 675 signatures should be required.

Sincerely,
Daniel O'Connor

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Daniel O'Connor
PO Box 10852
Albany, NY 12201
d.oconnor@hvcc.edu
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Daniel O'Connor



5/16/2022

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From: Paul Gavry <pgavry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:49 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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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,
Paul Gavry
168 Locust Avenue
Amsterdam NY

518-866-4999

Sent from my iPhone

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Joshua Berry <joshua.hs.berry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:54 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master - Comment on new maps

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a longtime, former resident of Nyack NY, it makes little sense to divide Rockland and Westchester river towns into separate congressional districts. These Hudson River communities share a close, inseparable bond that links their economies, cultures, and people together. Because Rockland is so connected to Greenburgh and other Westchester towns by the Tappan Zee Bridge, I urge you to keep Greenburgh in NY-17 with the rest of Rockland county. Furthermore, I urge you to remove Dutchess County from NY-17 as that area is simply too far north to have much in common with the southern Hudson Valley communities I know so well.

Growing up in Nyack, I would often cross the Tappan Zee to Tarrytown and other Greenburgh communities. Tarrytown and Greenburgh's public transit links to NYC are a lifeline to jobs for many in Rockland County who drive over the bridge twice a day.

Growing up Rockland, my family never drove up to Dutchess County. It was simply too far north. Having visited Dutchess County and it's beautiful farms, I now know it has much more in common with Ulster County and other areas further upstate. For the sake of compactness and community ties, parts of Dutchess County should not be included in the new NY-17. It should instead be placed with the rest of Dutchess in NY-18, bringing that community closer together.

With thanks,
Joshua Berry

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Joshua Berry
joshua.hs.berry@gmail.com

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From: Lorraine DelCostello <rainy720@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:57 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a resident of Amsterdam, NY I am strongly opposed to the draft map removing us from a Congressional district centered in the Capital Region. I consider Amsterdam a bedroom community as many of our residents work in the Capital Region. The Capital District Transportation Authority just announced their expansion into Amsterdam providing much needed commuter options for us. We have little to nothing in common with communities stretching to the Canadian border. To remove us from the 20th is not only unfair but detrimental to a community that's seen a recent revival only delayed by COVID. We are part of the greater Capital Region and this is just **WRONG!**

Thanks for your consideration in this matter,

Lorraine DelCostello
21 Romeyn Avenue
Amsterdam, NY, 12010
518-423-0486

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sierra Robart <sierra.robart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New Districts

Hello,

One of my neighbors has brought it to my attention that the triangular Northern tip of Park slope (the area between St. Marks Place, Fourth Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue) has been cut off from the rest of the Park Slope community during the redistricting that has been occurring in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts. I live in this neighborhood and respectfully ask that it not be placed in a district to which it shares no connection, but rather reconnect these blocks with the rest of our community.

Thanks very much.

Sierra Robart

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Brenda A. Wise

From: adinsulation <adinsulation@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:26 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

To: bwise@nycourts.gov
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

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From: JJ <jackij12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 11:27 PM
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Jacqueline & Roger Vogel

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Penelope Umbrico <penelopeumbrico@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:30 AM
To: cervas@cmu.edu; Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting - congressional and state senatorial districts

Dear Justice McAllister and Mr. Cervas,

I am a long time resident of a district that was recently "redrawn" - it appears that the Northwestern tip of Park Slope (bounded by St. Marks Place, Fourth Avenue and Flatbush Avenue) where I live, has been cut off from the rest of the Park Slope Community in both the State Senate and Congressional Districts! This makes little sense to us - our neighborhood is Park Slope. I respectfully ask that you reconsider this change and reconnect these few blocks with the community we belong to.

Thank you,
Penelope Umbrico

386 Bergen Street
Brooklyn, NY 11217

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Antoinette Palladino <tonianne835@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:33 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Fwd: New maps for Congressional and NYS Senate

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Antoinette Palladino <tonianne835@gmail.com>
Date: May 17, 2022 at 12:24:52 AM EDT
To: cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: New maps for Congressional and NYS Senate

The proposed are fair and do not violate the one sided original maps that Democrats in Albany thought they could do! They must revoked the cashless bail and refund the Police Depts. in all of NYS! Working Family Party are Democratic Socialists and not moderate democrats but are doing and further their with extreme ideology as well the far right! Moderate reps in government will prevail as exemplify by President Biden
Keep up the good work and fair and equality of the new districts as dictated by the NYS constitution!

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From: Joyce Gorman <jeg165w2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 12:41 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in district NY20

As a resident of the city of Amsterdam, NY, I am vehemently 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.

Joyce Gorman

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Nicole <nicole.falvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 1:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

Dear Special Master,

As a life-long 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,
Nicole Falvo Sequeira

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From: Leslie Peterson <keniyah@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:06 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Repositioning Statement
Attachments: Statement Opposing New REDISTRICTING Maps.pdf

To: Special Master Dr. Jonathan Cervas
From: Leslie Peterson
Date: May 16, 2022
Re: REDISTRICTING Opposition STATEMENT

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

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From: Benjamin Templeton <benjamin.templeton.52@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 3:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Comment on the Special Master Proposed Congressional Districts
Attachments: Picture1NotPreferred.png; Picture2Preferred.png

I recently saw the proposed congressional districts, and I liked that overall there were many competitive districts (for example, according to Dave's Redistricting App at <https://davesredistricting.org/join/294578fd-0c18-495a-8d04-eb319ebb9a6c>, districts #2/3/11/17/18/19/22 were all between roughly R+3 and D+3 according to the past two presidential elections).

However, I had a problem with the proposed districts, specifically about the competitiveness in my local area, around northwest Town of Brookhaven. The 1st congressional district used to be very competitive for a long time, and our votes really mattered. But in the past few years, it became somewhat more Republican, still with Democrats consistently getting over 40% of the vote, but it was enough that the election was basically decided in the Republican primary, starting in 2014. This was especially frustrating because the competitive and Democratic areas in northwest Town of Brookhaven are geographically close to competitive districts towards the west, so we could have easily been in those districts if the maps were drawn a little differently.

Unfortunately, it seems that the current Special Master Proposal will continue the situation where our votes don't matter for another 10 years (according to the link above, the proposed 1st district is about R+6, which is similar to the current district, and in my experience, not competitive). I came up with two maps based on the current Special Master Proposal that would address this situation, the first map changes districts 1/2/3/4, while the second map changes only districts 1 and 2.

My first map (Picture 1 attached, and available at <https://davesredistricting.org/join/68b395cf-97b3-4c19-8ff7-5e6061e25e57>) makes all 4 districts on Long Island very competitive, and according to Dave's Redistricting App they are D+0.10, R+0.34, D+0.07, and D+0.01 relative to the country. At first I liked this result, but it splits up a lot of towns and communities, and I don't think I can justify a district stretching from almost-Queens to almost-Brookhaven, even if it makes things really fair and competitive.

My second map (Picture 2 attached, and available at <https://davesredistricting.org/join/1b08870f-3d3d-4ab9-85bd-0c9e85a1bdec>) is a much milder change from the Special Master Proposed map, and it only changes districts 1 and 2. It moves more of the East Islip area from district 2 into district 1, and in exchange it extends district 2 into northwest Town of Brookhaven, picking up a mixture of Democratic, Republican, and competitive communities (this changes district 1 from R+5.99 to R+7.44, and district 2 from D+0.14 to D+1.74, so the partisan changes for both sides are mild).

This is much less ambitious than I was hoping for at first, as I wanted to create a newly competitive district, not just move my hometown into the next district over to avoid stranding its competitive and Democratic communities in a solidly Republican district that they really don't have to be in. Even if I'm not totally satisfied, I think that overall this is the best way to respect all communities on Long Island, and I hope you're willing to incorporate this suggestion into your final maps.

Thank you,
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From: Colleen Backus <backus.colleen@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 5:51 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

> As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY and business owner here, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community. I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

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> I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Colleen Backus
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Saratoga, NY

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From: Lin Whittle <linwhittle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:06 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

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From: jean piurowski <don11947@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 6:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20!!

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Jean Piurowski
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From: Megan Togaila <megantogaila@gmail.com>
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From: JoMarie DiTata <jomarie@ditata.net>
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