

Brenda A. Wise

From: Molly Gagne <therammco@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - Proposal regarding change in District 20

To whom it may concern,

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 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 Congressional maps.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Margaret M. Gagné
22 Vichy Drive
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sandra Wendler <sandra.wendler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:12 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional and Senate Districts Cayuga County

Greetings,

I have the following concerns about the proposed districts:

Cayuga County has been included in a new 24th Congressional district which is too large and disconnected from central New York, in particular the greater Syracuse region where many residents are connected by employment, medical services and even water systems.

The proposed 48th state senate district isolates Cayuga County from both the Finger Lakes and Central New York. This create a challenge for addressing important local issues and finding commonality within the district.

I would appreciate further consideration be given to the proposed plan.

Thank you,
Sandra M Wendler
270 Main St, Aurora, NY 13026

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Brenda A. Wise

From: William Truitt <william.g.truitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:14 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Public Comments for Judge and Special Master for NY-19 District Lines
Attachments: 0517 Will Truitt NY19 District Lines - Public Comments.pdf

Good Morning,

Please see my attached public comments/thoughts on the newly redistricted Congressional Maps in New York State, particularly as they pertain to NY-19.

I would appreciate if these were included as a part of the public record.

Thank You.

William G. Truitt
12 Wright Avenue
Hyde Park, NY 12538

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May 17th, 2022

Honorable Judge Patrick F. McAllister
Supreme Court, 7th Judicial District
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Honorable Judge Patrick F. McAllister,

First I would like to thank you and the appointed Special Master Mr. Cervas for your tireless work throughout what I'm sure has been a grueling process for all involved. The work you have done on behalf of all New Yorkers is invaluable to our democratic process. And while I believe overall you've done tremendous work to ensure fairly drawn Congressional maps, I submit a small change as it pertains to the community that I live in.

As a lifelong resident and representative of the town of Hyde Park and Northern Dutchess County I am asking that you consider giving our community the same federal representative as our friends and neighbors in Ulster and Columbia counties.

Individuals and families that live north of the city of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County, have always identified ourselves differently from those that live in the southern half of our county. In addition, Northern Dutchess residents (and the residents living north of our town) overwhelmingly commute to work and shop in Kingston and Saugerties in Ulster County. We rely heavily on our neighbors across the river for daily commerce and services. In addition, many residents in Northern Dutchess are lifelong family farmers who rely on agricultural partnerships with other farmers in Ulster and Columbia County.

It is for these reasons that I believe our Northern Dutchess community, which includes the towns of Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Milan, North East, and Pine Plains, should be incorporated into the 19th Congressional District. Thank you for accepting this letter as public comment, and thank you again for all the work you do.

Sincerely,
William G. Truitt
12 Wright Avenue
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Brenda A. Wise

From: Brandon Melendez <brandonmelendez823@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:15 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Keep Rockville Centre whole in SD9

To Whom it May Concern,

The proposed redistricting splits Rockville Centre into two districts. This will greatly disservice our community and keep us from acting as a whole. Please amend the map to keep our community united in SD9.

Thank you,

Brandon Melendez

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From: Peay Richard <RPeay3@schools.nyc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:16 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR
Cc: Deryk Hammett; Keenan Shoulders; telandlatta@gmail.com
Subject: NY 16 - Fair Mapping

Greetings this morning from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Beta Psi Sigma Chapter (Serving the Bronx and Westchester County Communities). We are asking that you draw fair district lines for NY 16. Please review the following reasons:

- NY-16 must retain the northeast Bronx communities of Co-Op City, Edenwald and Williamsbridge with lower Westchester
- The special master's proposed map decreases the Black voter population by about 17%, this dilutes the voting power of Black people in NY-16, further marginalizing them and making it difficult for them to elect candidates that best represent their interests.
- 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 your cooperation with this serious matter.

**Educationally Yours,
Richard Peay
Assistant Principal
PS 47 - John Randolph School
1794 East 17nd Street
Bronx, NY 10472
(347)930-2858**

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From: brian collins <bcollins4@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:16 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY 19th and 18th Congressional districts affirmation

Honorable Clerk ,

Please pass on to Mr McAllister my affirmative response to the fine job done redrawing legally the district lines pertaining to the districts I cited in the subject line . Please ask McAllister to discard the objections being raised as to the fact the lines do not include the entire city of Kingston in one or the other district. The lines needed to be drawn somewhere and many in the electorate do not believe they should be altered to accommodate the political aspirations of one candidate over another. Everyone can adjust to the new possibilities presented by the redrawn maps .

Thank You
Brian Collins

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Wendy <wendy.hui.mo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:19 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please keep Bayside as part of Congressional District 6

Good morning Judge McAllister,

My family has lived in Bayside, NY for 30 years, and our children have been lovingly nurtured in Community School District 26 through great partnership with Congressional District 6.

I am writing today to respectfully request that Bayside be kept as part of Congressional District 6 instead of 3, as we are part of the same Community Board 11, 111th Precinct, and Community School District 26.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Wendy Mo

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From: Emma McCarthy <emmammccarthy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:19 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Kingston Divided

Good morning,

I feel very strongly about the proposed redistricting of Kingston.
Kingston has already been hurting so much recently due to the housing crisis.
So many of my neighbors and friends have been displaced.
We're still in a global pandemic.
The last thing we need is to divide and confuse local residents!!!
I can't imagine what this would do to voter turnout, especially to those who live close to the border between those two proposed districts.
In a time of such turmoil, we need people voting with confidence.
We need community.
We need unity.
Please, I urge those in power to please keep Kingston whole.

Thank you,

Emma McCarthy
Direct Service Coordinator,
Kingston Emergency Food Collaborative

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Doris Gomez <dorishagan46@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:20 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

Please do not change the maps & make Elise Stefan I'm represent Sarstoga Springs!! .

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jimmy Li <jimhuali888@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:22 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Concerns about proposed Congressional map

Dear Hon. Patrick F. McAllister,

My name is Jiang Hua (Jimmy) Li, I am a community activist in New York City's proud and vibrant Chinese-American community. I am writing to share my concerns over the proposed Congressional map you have proposed. While the map makes significant strides in connecting the Chinese-American community in Brooklyn and Manhattan, it makes two omissions that can be easily fixed and would ensure that a community-of-interest that has long been sliced and diced by elected officials will finally have unified representation. That's why I am asking that the proposed 10th Congressional district include the Chinese-American community in Bensonhurst and parts of Sunset Park.

While in theory it may split arbitrarily designated neighborhoods, I believe it would be legitimately harmful to "crack" the Chinese community. Bensonhurst, Sunset Park east of 5th Ave and Northern Dyker Heights all have similar needs ranging from affordable housing, language barriers access, and Asian community-specific concerns over public education and public safety. Having one member of Congress will go a long way towards righting the previous unequal representation we have endured from gerrymandering in the past - a wrong you are on the precipice of fully fixing.

Moreover, it will take only fairly minimal adjustments. This can be accomplished by simply pushing the proposed NY-11 further north into Red Hook, which it now partly includes and has far greater need for unified representation due to years of neglect in transportation funding and resources in general for Red Hook, or into an area commonly known as South Slope. It would also not deter your admirable goal of ensuring competitive elections as the district would remain competitive in a general election.

On behalf of the New York City Chinese-American community we strongly urge you to unite our community.

Thank you,

Jiang Hua (Jimmy) Li

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Thomas Goodfellow <tjgood.three@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: CD #20 Final Redistricting 2022

Thanks for adding Bethlehem bank into CD 20. You got that right.

What's still not right is to remove Troy, Schenectady, Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs. These communities are a significant part of the NY Capital District and as per the gude lines share transportation, media, social, cultural activities and history. Please reconsider.

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Thomas Goodfellow
Delmar, NY
518-424-6776
Twitter: @tga_tgoodfellow

"A hundred suspicions don't make a proof."
Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Crime and Punishment

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From: Bianca Guerrero <guerrero.bianca22@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:27 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; STEUBEN_SUPERIOR; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: NY-16 Congressional District

Hi,

My name is Bianca and I'm a resident of Yonkers, NY. I grew up here and recently returned to this city in February. I am writing to submit testimony with regards to the proposed district lines for NY-16.

I am very concerned about the exclusion of the northeast Bronx from NY-16, and the division of predominantly Black neighborhoods into 3 neighborhoods. Specifically, the proposed maps place Co-Op City in NY-14, Williamsbridge and Baychester in NY-14, and keeps Edenwald in NY-16. These neighborhoods have similar demographics and should be kept together as a community of interest.

Growing up in Yonkers, the city has always felt like an extension of the Bronx more than a part of Westchester. As the third largest city in the state, it looks and has more in common with the northeast Bronx than White Plains, Greenburgh, or any of the northern parts of Westchester that were included in these draft maps. I strongly believe that NY-16 must include these Northeast Bronx communities in addition to Yonkers, so that the more working class urban parts of the district have a more of a level playing field to the wealthier more suburban parts of the district.

These proposed maps also decrease the Black voter population by about 17%, thereby diluting the voting power of Black New Yorkers in NY-16. For years, this district lacked representation that best represents their interests. Now that it has that, the communities will be splintered and these neighborhoods will struggle to elect candidates that best represent their interests.

I am asking for the final maps to please include Co-op City, Edenwald, Williamsbridge, and Baychester in NY-16 and to reconsider including northern Westchester.

Best,
Bianca
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bmg

Bianca Guerrero
914-346-7243

*Please excuse any typos. I am typing on my iPhone.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Deirdre Ladd <deirdresladd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting - Proposal to move Saratoga Springs from Paul Tonko to Elise Stefanik

Thank you for considering g the following:

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,
Deirdre Ladd

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Rivka Muskat <rmuskat@staroutreach.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:29 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS maps

Hi -

My name is Rivka Muskat. 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,
Rivka Muskat

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Leslie Sung <lesliesung@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:30 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New congressional maps

Dear Judge McAllister,

I am a resident of Bayside, Queens for 14 years. I am writing in regards to the new congressional maps in hopes that you would keep Bayside as part of congressional district 6 instead of 3. We have a strong and vibrant community under community board 11, 111th police precinct and school district 26. It would hurt our community if this is taken away due to this new zoning. Would you hear the voices of the residents who are affected by this change?

Sincerely,
Leslie Chung

26-03 213 street
Bayside, New York

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Brenda A. Wise

From: anne havens hodge <annehavenshodge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:31 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

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Sincerely,

Anne Hodge

57 Walton Street

Saratoga springs, NY

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From: flournoyconsult@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Lakeview Community - Redistricting

Good morning,

I am Sherri Flournoy and currently reside in Nassau County, Lakeview New York. I am writing this letter because I am outraged at the proposed redistricting of the Lakeview community. I have lived in Lakeview since 1998 and have raised my family in this community. Lakeview consist of predominantly persons of color, namely prominent Black families, who have worked tirelessly to build and maintain a cohesive community. This redistricting effort of Lakeview will essentially teardown a community that we fought so hard to build. Our voice will not be silenced! I am outraged and view this attempt as another effort that marginalizes Black families.

I stand on the shoulders of my ancestors who have died fighting for civil rights, voting rights and other constitutional rights. As a voter and a citizen of this State and Country, I implore you to stop and desist immediately with the plan to sever our Lakeview community. This plan will dismantle decades of sweat and hard work to build this awesome community of Lakeview.

I am,
Sherri Flournoy,

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From: Deborah Meyers <dmeyers@skidmore.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:36 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: keep Saratoga Springs in the 20th 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. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs from 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. 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.

Thank you,
Deborah and Roy Meyers
113 Catherine Street
Saratoga Springs, NY
12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Stephanie Sussman <stephitwo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:41 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: CD 19 Special Master's New Map

As a longtime resident of Columbia County, I respectfully request that the Special Master's proposed CD 19 map is disastrous for Columbia County. We have nothing in common with the counties to the far west of us in Broome County, Cortland County, Tompkins County in the Finger Lakes and the Southern Tier.

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.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Sussman
Claverack, NY
Columbia County

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sarah Simanowitz <sssimanowitz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:42 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New district map

My name is Sarah Simanowitz, I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate. The Jewish communities of Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest were heavily involved in asking the Independent Redistricting Commission to keep these neighborhoods together. Furthermore, Pomonok Houses, and Electchester cooperative have always been part of our district, they are our neighbors, and many of our families originate from these public housing entities.

In the state legislature's plan, they took into account our testimony and made a district that combined most of the Jewish community in Central Queens. Kew Gardens Hills has been gerrymandered into a South East Queens State Senate District. Pomonok, Electchester and Hillcrest have been split off into a Flushing centered district. This is splitting our communities up. Communities of interest must be together in one district.

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Sincerely,

Sarah Simanowitz

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From: Kevin Goetzger <kevin.goetzger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:46 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Heather Goetzger
Subject: Congressional District 6 Inbox

Dear Hon. McAlister:

My wife and I live in Bayside and are urging you to please keep our home in congressional district 6. Keeping 26th Avenue on the north, Northern Blvd on the south, Bell Blvd on the east and at least Utopia on the west, as part of CD6 is better for our community because it keeps together our community board 11, our 111th police precinct, and our school district 26.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kevin & Heather Goetzger
Bayside Resident

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From: Sarah Horvitz <sarah.horvitz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:47 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting -SD 9

Hello,

As a resident of Rockville Centre, I am writing to ask that the new state senatorial district map not split our town into 2 districts — all of RVC should be SD9.

Our town has a singular school district, utilities, and shared services and therefore aligned interests, we should be able to vote with our neighbors for representation.

Thank you.

Sarah Horvitz

Sent from my iPhone. Typos inevitable.

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From: Jennifer Chalnoky <jennifer@chalnoky.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:49 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Opposed to Saratoga Spring 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.

Thank you,
Jennifer Chalnoky
174 5th Ave
Saratoga Springs NY

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From: Alexandra Morgan <amsmitka@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:51 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional redistricting

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Alexandra Morgan
38 High Ave 5L
Saratoga Springs NY 12866
Sent from my iPad

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From: Elizabeth Volz <lizvolz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: RVC SD9

I am writing as a resident of Rockville Centre, NY, to urge you when redistricting to please keep Rockville Centre whole in Senate District 9.

We are a small village (so small we share a school district and other municipal services with South Hempstead) - to divide our voice into thirds as the proposed map would to - would make it impossible for RVC to effectively participate in State government.

Please do not tear at the fiber of our community and keep Rockville Centre whole in SD9.

Thank you,

Liz Volz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jeffrey Kiplinger <jeffreykiplinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

Dear Special Master,

As a NY voter and a resident of Claverack in Columbia County, I want to express concern over the proposed redistricting map that places Columbia County with the Catskills and Western Catskills counties. Due to its placement near the Thruway and on the Amtrak line from NYC Columbia County has a population and business demographic far more in line with the mid-Hudson region, and its interests would be poorly served in a district created to serve the needs of the counties to the west.

Please re-think this map and leave Columbia County in the mid-Hudson district.

Thank you,

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Jeffrey P. Kiplinger, PhD
mobile: 781-366-1995
2441 CR 27
Hudson, NY 12534

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Marianna Bracco <marianna.bracco@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:56 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting - keep RVC whole!

Please keep RVC whole in SD 9!! We want people who represent the entire village - not piecemeal it. Thank you!

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From: Ken Mazur <Kenmazur@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional District 20

Dear Special Master,

I want Congressional District 20 to include all of the Capital Region including the cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy.

Thank you,
Kenneth Mazur
2 Highland Road
Amsterdam, NY 12010



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Brenda A. Wise

From: r finkel <docfinkel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Gm

My name is Rachel 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,
Rachel Finkel
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Dionne Hansen-Sexton <dionnehs714@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:00 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Michael Sexton
Subject: Lakeview redistricting concerns

Good Morning,

As 18-year residents of Lakeview, we have serious concerns about the proposed redistricting of our community. What would be the potential benefits of such a decision? As a community that is already underfunded and underutilized, such a move would only make our voices and concerns that much more ignored.

Redistricting is simply another way to divide our community further. Lakeview is a small hamlet surrounded by larger towns and villages. Are their lines being redrawn as well? History tells the story of the struggles our community has faced, and it is hard not to wonder if the racial makeup of Lakeview was similar to its neighboring villages would such a decision have been made.

This community needs investment and revitalization, not redistricting. Such a move would only serve to disenfranchise our votes and voices further. Redistricting will only serve as a hindrance and another structural barrier to uplifting, unifying, and revitalizing our community. We strongly oppose this measure.

Concerned Residents,
Dionne Hansen-Sexton & Michael Sexton

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Megan Root <meg.root@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:08 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

The Capital Region historically has been kept together in the same Congressional District for good reason – the shared communities and cities of Albany, Amsterdam, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, and Troy have deep roots binding them together. We share common services through the CDTA and SUNY systems. If the final map gerrymanders its way to split apart the 20th Congressional District, 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.

Please keep the 20 district inclusive of the capital district community

Kind regards
Megan Root
Rexford, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: ppeluso1@nycap.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY 20

As a life long REPUBLICAN resident of the city of Amsterdam I am strongly opposed to the draft congressional map the would remove Amsterdam from the district centered in New York's capital region. Amsterdam strongly identifies with the capital region in every way. Many work in the capital district schools are identified with the capital district.

Amsterdam is truly a city of need much like the inner cities of the capital district. There are many minorities here with economic needs transportation needs etc.

This city has nothing in common with the north country Please please don't change this status.

Sincerely

Kathy Peluso

Amsterdam NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Luciana <luciana9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: SD9.

Please, please, please maintain the integrity of Rockville Centre, NY in SD9.
We are counting on you.
Thanks in advance.
Your constituents.

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Luciana Sousa
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Brenda A. Wise

From: Laura Dwyer <dwyerla@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: 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. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Laura Dwyer

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary bartkowski <mlapetalb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:15 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

I strongly oppose any attempt to divide the Capital region into other districts. As a life long resident of Albany and a voter since I was 18 I think this is a transparent attempt to divide our areas for purely political reasons. Please reconsider this mistake.

Mary Bartkowski

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mike <mjkomoroske@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:18 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Good morning - I urge you to keep the 20th US congressional district intact. This district has historically included the Cities Amsterdam and Saratoga Springs, along with Troy, Albany, Schenectady and surrounding suburbs. This district was agreed to by both parties in previous redistricting efforts required by past censuses and should remain intact.

Thank you for your consideration.
Mike Komoroske

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jane Lees <lees.janeissdjcl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:19 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: why is the 20th district losing saratoga and amsterdam?

this doesn't make sense. saratoga is always busy with capital region "tourists" and many saratogians commute to albany and schenectady counties to work...likewise amsterdam.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Konrad Raup <konradraup@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:20 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting boundaries

Please reject the plan submitted by the Master. I am unfamiliar with other parts of the State, but the Capital District is very poorly designed, separating many "like" communities. Amsterdam and portions of Saratoga County do not belong in the 21st, but the 20th.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: yznm@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:22 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NYS State Senate Maps

My name is Simcha Frid, 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,. Simcha Frid

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Lyndsay von Miller <lyndsayvonmiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Reject the congressional redistricting

Kingston is a small city that is less than 7 square miles and should not be separated into multiple congressional election districts. It is confusing and illogical. The seeming purpose for it - to even out the districts- places an undue burden on our local Board of Elections making it impractical to manage during our election cycles while also making it difficult for residents to access government and the support they need from their elected leaders.

When representation is muddled like this, underrepresented voices can be marginalized or even disappear. In separating part of Kingston from other nearby diverse municipalities such as Ellenville, Poughkeepsie and Newburgh these boundaries dilute the voices of communities of color throughout the Hudson Valley in direct violation of the 2014 state constitutional amendment requiring districts to be mindful of disenfranchising minority populations and clearly represents a prohibited violation of federal voter and civil rights.

These are large and unconstitutional prices to pay for a few thousand more people in one district than the other.

Please reject this map as proposed.

Lyndsay von Miller DACM L.Ac.

46 Josephine Ave
Kingston NY 12401

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sherrill Silver <dansalong7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

I wish to comment on the new district map lines. The city of Kingston has been split into 2 different districts. This is going to cause confusion and inefficiency. Please correct this.

Thank you.
Sherrill Silver
New Paltz NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jen <jacoolg11726@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:24 AM
Subject: proposed redistricting maps

Hello, I received your email as well as the proposed NYS maps. I am writing to voice my opinion and disappointment. These new lines seem to divide neighborhoods in a way that will not serve that community. They appear along socioeconomic and racial group lines, which disappoints me greatly. My community is already divided and this proposed redistricting will not help us move to a better place in our decisions and communication. Please do not allow this plan, as it doesn't appear to be better for all New Yorkers.

Thank you and be well,
Jennifer Gilchrist-Fuentes
Rockville Centre, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mabel Payne <mpxt@optonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 8:26 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Do Not Change Co-op City's Congressional District

To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not change Co-op City's Congressional District from 16 to 14. I am very satisfied with my representative in the House.

Thank you for your attention to and cooperation in this matter.

Mabel Payne

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