

Brenda A. Wise

From: JoMarie DiTata <jomarie@ditata.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:48 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: district maps

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: ALAN SHERMAN <almacks@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:50 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY State Senate Redistricting

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

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Sincerely

Alan Sherman
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347-993-2061

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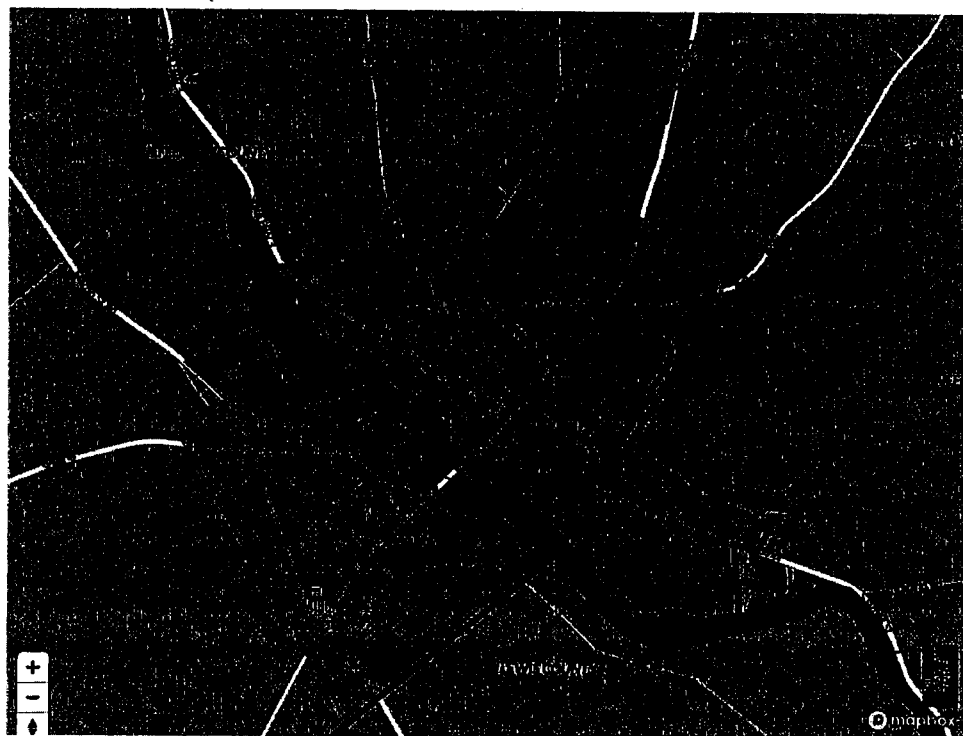
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May 17, 2022

Judge McAllister,

The Jefferson County Board of Elections' bipartisan commissioners write today to request a slight boundary change to the special master's draft congressional district maps before final approval Friday.

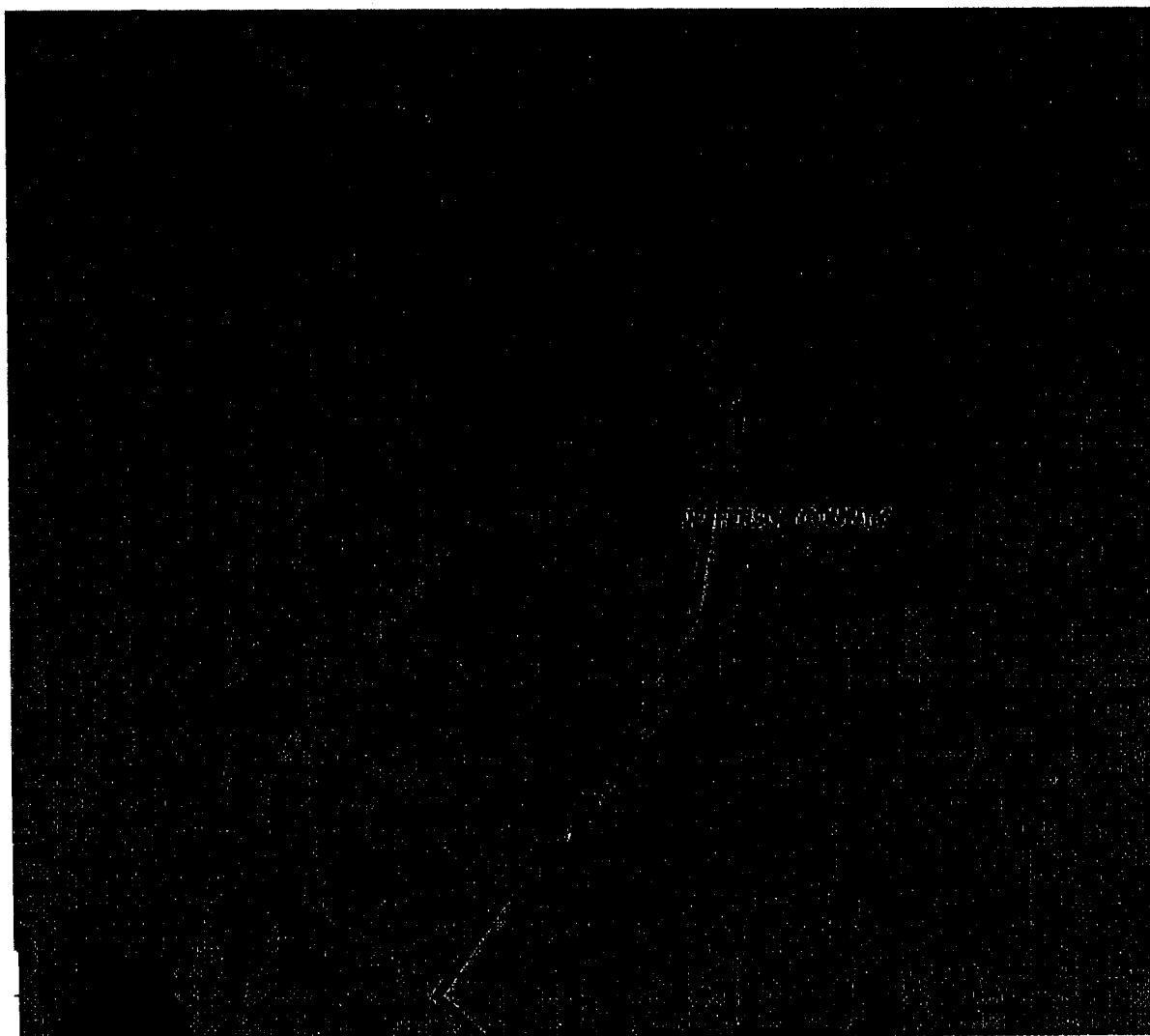
The special master's proposal would split the Village of Carthage in the Town of Wilna into two separate congressional districts, as this picture demonstrates:



We believe that will cause great confusion to the village voters during federal elections, as residents on one side of North Washington, State, Sherman, Alexandria, Adelaide streets will be eligible for certain primaries while their neighbors across the street will be eligible for others (or none at all).

This will be especially problematic for those living in the Emjay

Way Apartment complex, as the special master's proposed line cuts through the middle of that 40-unit community – many of those occupied by members of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division and their families.




There are 1,450 voters in the entire village of Carthage. We understand that any change to the maps has a cascading effect to all districts, but we are hopeful that including the entire village in a single congressional district will not violate any legal requirements.

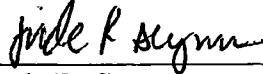
If the lines are not altered, the Board of Elections will have to create a new election district to differentiate between the two village sections. That will require us to add a ballot style, which will increase our printing costs as well as the time spent programming and testing the voting machines. While our electronic poll books can determine a voter's eligibility for a congressional election, we fear that human error may cause some inspectors to issue incorrect ballots to village residents. That undermines voter confidence in the integrity of the federal election and the accuracy of the result.

The court's small adjustment here could help us limit voter confusion, reduce costs and preserve our good reputation within the community. We are prepared to answer any questions you or the special master may have and we look forward to seeing the result of your effort on Friday.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.



Michelle R. LaFave
Democratic Elections Commissioner



Jude R. Seymour
Republican Elections Commissioner

Brenda A. Wise

From: Sara DeBrule <sara.debrule@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Reconsider redistricting

Hello,

As a resident of the city of Wilton, 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.

Wilton 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 Wilton 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 Wilton in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Regards,
Sara

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Sara C. DeBrule
201-232-4409

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Aviva Tropper <tropperavivar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Communities of interest

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

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Sincerely,
Aviva Tropper

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Allison Book <allisonhaley.book@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: redistricting

My name is Allison Book, 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,
Allison

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Aaron Laub <aaronlaub@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Protesting new maps

My name is Aaron Laub, 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
Aaron Laub

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From: Howard Schoenfeld <howardform1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Central Queens Senate District

My name is Howard Schoenfeld, and I am a resident of Kew Gardens Hills, Queens. 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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Howard Schoenfeld

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Judith Rubin <judegrubin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:01 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New Map Configuration- A Community undivided

My name is Judith . 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

Judith Rubin, CCC-SLP

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jeff Kohn <jeffreykohn86@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Queens State Senate Testimony

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My name is Jeffrey Kohn, 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,

Jeff Kohn

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Carol Carelli <ccarelli@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:02 AM
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 is not at all in the best interests of our community. I urge you to include Amsterdam in the proposed 20th Congressional District when you finalize the Congressional maps.

Carol Carelli

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jacob Borenstein <borfund@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:03 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Kew Gardens Hills and Hillcrest

Good Morning,

My name is Jacob Borenstein, 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

Jacob Borenstein Esq.
70-41 136 Street
Flushing, NY 11367

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Fax 718 261-3939

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Joseph Reynolds <joeren223@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep Amsterdam in NY20

Hello

I oppose redistricting Amsterdam to NY21. This gerrymandering should not be allowed.

Regards

Joseph Reynolds

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Elizabeth Rossi <emrossi60@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:04 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Saratoga Springs in the Capital Region

Dear Justice McAllister,

Thank you for working to create district maps that are fair and representative of the constituents.

In the maps that were released yesterday I was surprised to find that Saratoga Springs has been placed in the North Country congressional district. The interests and identity of the residents of Saratoga Springs are so firmly aligned with the Capital Region that I feel this needs to be rectified.

While it is clear that the size and placement of the population of our area presents a challenge in drawing equitable maps, it is not insurmountable.

Please return Saratoga Springs to Congressional District 20 so that we can advocate for our needs with like communities.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rossi
Saratoga Springs, NY

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Julia McEvoy <jmcevoy396@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Urgent: Please don't cut us off from our beloved Park Slope

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 46years long resident of this neighborhood, I respectfully ask that you reconsider this change and reconnect these few blocks with their rightful community.

Flatbush Avenue is a **visual as well as physical divider** for these few blocks from Bedford-Stuyvesant, the community on the other side of Flatbush Ave. Come take a short walk on St. Marks Place or Flatbush Avenue and you will see and feel what I am describing here.

Please reconnect these few blocks back with the Park Slope Community.

Deep Thanks for redrawing these few redistricting lines.

Julia McEvoy
396 Bergen Street

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Brenda A. Wise

From: H L <teacherhindy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:07 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District

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Sincerely
Anne laster

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Brenda A. Wise

From: A Herskowitz <avih777@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:08 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Abe Herskowitz 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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thank you
Have a great day..
A Herskowitz

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Jennifer Meltzer <jhmeltzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed NYS Senate district

My name is Jennifer Meltzer, 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,

Jennifer Meltzer
7342 Vleigh Pl
Kew Gardens Hills, NY. 11367

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Sally Hart <adksally@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Congressional Redistricting

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

This is a very significant change that is not in the best interest of my community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sarah L. Hart
177 Spring St, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Marcy Capel <pisces22470@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: " Keep Amsterdam in NY20"

Please do not switch us to NY21 we so need to be listed with the capital region.

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Mindy Ginsberg <mindyginsberg613@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:15 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Maps

My name is Mindy Ginsberg,

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
Mindy Ginsberg

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Matt Kopans <mkopans@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:20 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Feedback

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 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.

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Thanks,
Matt

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Stephanie Milks <mrsmilks16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: NY Voter District Maps - Public Comment

Stephanie Milks
1715 Green Road
Freedom, New York 14065
716-492-1742

May 17, 2022

Re: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

Dear Honorable McAllister:

Please be advised that I support the newly redrawn NYS voter district maps in order to provide a better distribution of fair representation of both the Democratic and Republican parties. The gerrymandered maps are completely unacceptable, regardless of favored party affiliation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the representation of all New York State voters as the Empire State encompasses a vast majority of values and views that need to be uniquely addressed in each individual region.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Milks

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Brenda A. Wise

From: patty hasbrouck <pjhasbrouck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Appeal to Congressional mapping

As a resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, 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 (rural vs. urban/suburban, economic activity, etc.) will ultimately be detrimental to our community.

I urge you to include Saratoga Springs in the proposed 20th Congressional District when Congressional maps are finalized.

Thank you for your consideration!

Patty HasBrouck
1 Madison Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Brenda A. Wise

From: Bianca Book <biancabook@mail.adelphi.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:24 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting

My name is Bianca, and I am submitting this testimony in protest of the new maps that were released for the New York Senate.

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Bianca Book

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Lea Book
biancabook@mail.adelphi.edu

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From: emily stewart <emmystewart11611@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 10:25 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting Maps

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. Many of the 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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My name is Jeffrey Serle. 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

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