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Via Email [SFC-Part63-Clerk@nycourts.gov]
August 24, 2022

Hon. Laurence L. Love
New York Supreme Court, County of New York
60 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: Nichols, et al v. Hochul, Index No. 154213/2022

Dear Judge Love,

Common Cause/New York hereby submits this letter as an amicus regarding the hearing currently on the Court's calendar concerning the appropriate process to redraw the Assembly map.

Introduction

Common Cause is a national nonpartisan advocacy organization founded in 1970 working to ensure that every vote counts, that every eligible voter has an equal say, that our elections represent the will of the people, and that our government is of, by, and for the people. Common Cause/New York is one of the most active state chapters within Common Cause, with tens of thousands of members and activists in
every county of New York State.

Fair redistricting is a major policy focus for Common Cause across the country. Our national Redistricting & Representation Program helps members of the public play an active role in shaping their own representation, leading efforts to create fairer, more inclusive and impartial processes for drawing districts. We also litigate to challenge partisan and racial gerrymanders in state and federal courts around the country. Common Cause has been involved in redistricting litigation in 11 states this cycle as either a party or amicus brief participant, including cases currently active in Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina and Texas, in addition to this case.

Common Cause/New York is actively engaged in assisting members of the public and organizational partners to understand and participate in the redistricting process at the state and local level through our series of community mapping workshops. In the last redistricting cycle, Common Cause/New York was the only organization to draw statewide maps for both houses of the Legislature and Congress that were based on extensive input from communities of interest and Voting Rights Act-protected classes. Portions of the Common Cause congressional map were expressly adopted by the federal court and formed the basis for several upstate districts in the past cycle congressional map. This cycle,