

Brenda A. Wise

From: Mary Finer <mary.finer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:45 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,
Mary Finer

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Milton Puryear <miltonpuryear@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Cc: Dan Wiley
Subject: Revisions to CD 10

Dear Justice McAllister,

How dare the Special Master to remove our communities from the Congresswoman who has served us for over 20 years.

What are his qualifications to butcher our electoral relationships and what criteria is being used to divide these communities that share so much in cultural, social and political identity.

We call for a reevaluation of these recommendations at the highest level.

Milton

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Sarah Goodwin <smwgoodwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please do not move Saratoga Springs out of a Capital Region congressional district!

To whom it may concern:

As a long-time resident of the city of Saratoga Springs, NY, I am strongly opposed to the draft Congressional map that would remove my community from a Congressional district centered in New York's Capital Region. Saratoga Springs strongly identifies with the greater Capital Region and has strong economic and transportation ties to communities like Schenectady, Albany, Troy, and Amsterdam. Many of our residents work and have families in these communities. Placing Saratoga Springs into a district that stretches to the Canadian border with communities that have much different needs than our own will ultimately be detrimental to our community—and frankly, it just makes no sense. You would be replacing one skewed map with another.

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

Thank you,

Sarah W Goodwin
2 Webster St
Saratoga Springs NY 12866

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: William Wallis <williamclarkwallis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting plan

I reject the redistricting plan as it will negatively affect my ability to vote by assigning my to vote to a district in witch I have little or no connection with.

I've just heard of this today, and I am alarmed that the public comment period expires this same day, after the plan was only released Monday, the day before yesterday.

This is not enough time for public comment, as I have not enough time to fully digest implications of this change on my rights.

My neighbors residing in the buildings across the street from me will be in a different voting district than I for the first time. This is not just, and must not happen until a reasonable amount of time is taken to assess the impact on my voting rights, and on our democracy.

Sincerely,

William Clark Wallis
31-63 38th Street, Apartment 4A
Astroria, NY 11103

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Meilani Montgomery <meilani_montgomery@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please don't split us - enough is enough !!

Dear NY courts,

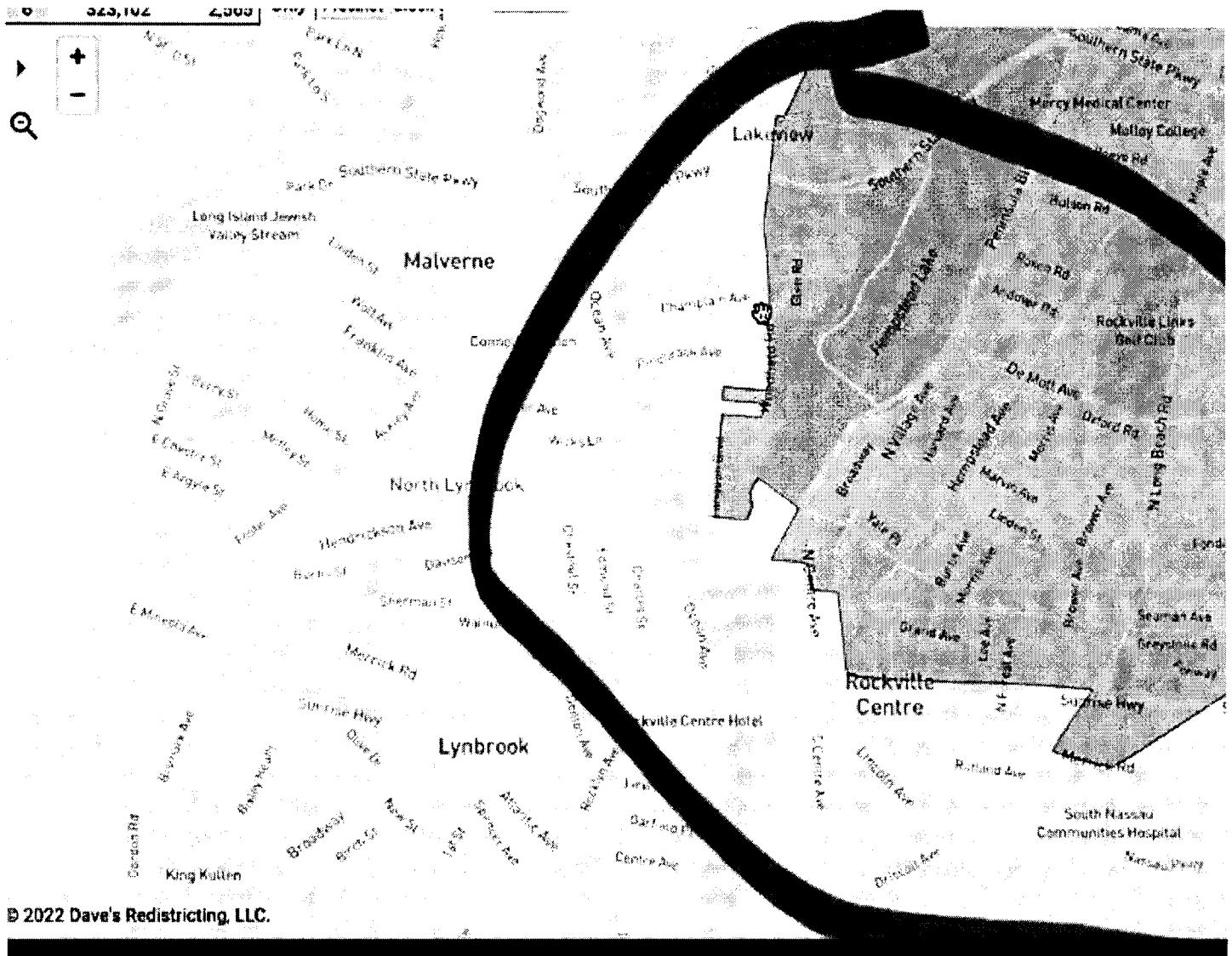
We are so concerned as a community and we don't want our voices to be overshadowed.

Please do not split Lakeview like this . This is wrong , we are a concerned group of residents, I grew up and still live in the community. Legislator Siela Bynoe has worked with our community from day one with all of us ! We don't want to destroy the history from our youth and seniors and adults .

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.



Redistricting, LLC.



Thank You,
Meilani L. Montgomery

Brenda A. Wise

From: Nancy Bunn <nancbunn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Auburn & Cayuga County

I'm sure Dr. Cervas didn't have much time to learn about the communities and their relationships to one another. He had a lot thrown at him with very little time to work on redistricting New York State.

I would love it, though, if there could be more consideration given to the city of Auburn and Cayuga County. I live in Onondaga County and go to Auburn two or three times a week. Many people from Cayuga County work in Onondaga County. Auburn is part of the Central NY and Finger Lakes Region (Owasco Lake) and doesn't have much in common with Jefferson or Lewis Counties. Large parts of Onondaga County get their drinking water from Skaneateles and Owasco Lakes. As it's a Finger Lake it doesn't have much in common with the counties north of them other than being in the same state.

Below is a news and editorial piece from the Auburn Citizen asking Auburn be kept in Central NY. Please have Dr. Cervas reconsider this part of the Redistricting Map. I realize there's not much time but this is important to the continuity of our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cheers,

Nancy Grady-Bunn
4361 Chilmark St.,
Marcellus, NY 13108
Home: 315-673-7116
Iphone: 315-427-7458

Editorial.

https://auburnpub.com/opinion/editorial/our-view-time-running-out-on-maps-for-congress-senate/article_48ea18c5-af2b-5f0a-a99e-66266f2435db.html

News Story.

https://auburnpub.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/analysis-cayuga-county-misunderstood-by-redistricting-special-master/article_4d5a3c25-0242-5f7f-ae73-c5b0fbe49b83.html

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Tom Keane <tmklawnyc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master - Greene County Senate District

Dear Special Master Cervas:

I have included below the text of a message prepared by some of my fellow residents of Green County, with which I agree completely. I am adding here that I live in Castkill and work in Albany and spend most of my leisure time in the area of Green County, Columbia County, and Ulster County. My personal experience confirms that this area along the Hudson River is closely connected. Greene County is far more integrated with this area than it is with the western Catskills and Southern Tier areas with which you have proposed to combine it in the new Senate district 51.

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

While we understand that the process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Thank you,

Tom Keane
tmklawnyc@hotmail.com

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Ronna Weiss <ronnaweiss1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Ronna Weiss
Subject: Splitting Rockville Centre

A proposed redistricting will split Rockville Centre between two senators. As long time residents of Rockville Centre this has us very concerned. The proposal would weaken Rockville Centre as the focus of issues pertaining to Rockville Centre would be split between two senators rather than receiving the unified attention and efforts of one elected official.

Rockville Centre is built around a unified school system, library, recreation center, the same utilities and faces common challenges. Our representation cannot be as strong and effective if it is not unified. Please do NOT let this proposal stand. We request that you keep Rockville Centre unified and represented by one senator.

Sincerely,
Ronna and Paul Weiss
99 S Park Ave, Apt 215
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: theresa chesler <teritree@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,

Theresa Chesler

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: A. Thomas Levin <ATLevin@msek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; 'cervas@cmu.edu'
Subject: Proposed State Senate maps

I urge you to review and revise the proposed State Senate district maps, so that the Village of Rockville Centre is not divided, and is represented by one Senator.

I have lived in Rockville Centre for my entire life (79 years so far), and have the honor of serving as Village Attorney since 2006. This letter represents my personal views, and I do not speak for the Village government.

The Village is a very cohesive community with more than 25,000 residents, and all parts of the Village have unity of interests. With rare exceptions, the Village always has been in one Senate district. Dividing the Village into more than one district for representation dilutes the voice of the Village residents, and makes it less likely that their multiple representatives will listen to the voice of the Village in the same way that a single representative would do. Please consider these factors when finalizing the proposed maps.

I am working remotely, and will respond to emails and voice mail messages.

A. Thomas Levin
Member/Shareholder/General Counsel
Chair, Local Government Law, Land Use & Environmental Compliance
and Professional Responsibility Practice Groups
President, New York State Bar Association (2003-2004)
Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein P.C.
990 Stewart Avenue, Suite 300
Garden City, New York 11530-9194
Direct Dial: 516-592-5704
Main Number: 516-741-6565
Fax: 516-741-6706
atlevin@msek.com

MEYER SUOZZI

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

If you receive an email which seems to be from me, directing you to wire or transfer funds for any reason, do not do so without first calling me to confirm the direction.

Disclaimer

Unless the above communication expressly provides that the statements contained therein are intended to constitute written tax advice within the meaning of IRS Circular 230 Section 10.37, the sender intends by this message to communicate general information for discussion purposes only, and you should not, therefore, interpret the statements to be written tax advice or to be sufficient to avoid tax-related penalties.

The information transmitted by this electronic mail (and any attachments) is being sent by or on behalf of a lawyer; it is intended for the exclusive use of the addressee named above and may constitute information that is privileged or confidential or otherwise legally exempt from disclosure. If you are not the addressee or an employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to same, you are not authorized to retain, read, copy or disseminate this electronic mail (or any attachments) or any part thereof. If you have received this electronic mail (and any attachments) in error, please reply to this e-mail and send written confirmation that same has been deleted from your system.
Thank you.

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: B Gordon <bagordon323@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: PLEASE READ Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denies our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson

Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Elliot Sobel
Beth Gordon

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Sarah Snook <sbs15@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: New proposed NYS Congressional Districts

-----Forwarded Message-----

From: Sarah Snook <sbs15@earthlink.net>
Subject: New proposed NYS Congressional Districts

As a resident in the current Congressional district 10, I object to the simplistic way in which the new map was drawn, simply running horizontal lines across the length of Manhattan and not taking into account the way the diverse population of the county would be best represented. I think someone with more familiarity with the area should be a party to the decision of how the maps are drawn.

Sarah B. Snook

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: tatyta@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Concern with Lakeview Redistricting

My name is Dr. Tanya S. T. Walker and I am a 50 year resident of Lakeview and I have major concerns with the redistricting lines.

Please STOP! It is not fair nor beneficial to the Lakeview Community.

Dr. Tanya S.T. Walker
939 Derrick Adkins Lane
West Hempstead, NY 11552
516-642-1763

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Beth Mott <bethmottmk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:52 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Support for redrawn NYS voter district maps

May 17, 2022

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,

Beth Mott
Arcade, NY
Wyoming County

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Barbara Quart <barbarakquart@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: District lines

To Whom it May Cocern:

The recent Congressional map is a disaster. A young academic has constructed an abstract map which has created unnecessary turmoil in the primaries. This should not occur at the last minute. Please revoke this aberrent act, and restore the old one.

Sincerely, Dr. Barbara Quart, and Leonard Quart

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Barbara Gillingham <bgillingham@nredlearn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Redistricting

Good afternoon,

I am emailing about the strategic effort to dilute and disenfranchise the Black vote, and minimize the representation of voices of color in Congress (elected officials and also representing constituents) – in a time when White supremacists are murdering people of color in places like Buffalo. We need people in Congress who will fight for people of color, and not forcing two Black Members of Congress to fight against each other for a seat.

Please reconsider redistricting. Lives depend on it!
Barbara Gillingham

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Councilor Jimmy Giannettino <jgiannettino@auburnny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Redistricting of the City of Auburn
Attachments: Councilor Giannettino's Letter to Judge McCallister re 2022 redistricting.pdf

Good morning. Attached is a letter for Judge McCallister regarding the proposed 2022 Congressional and NY State Senate electoral maps as submitted by special master Dr. Jonathon Cervas, specifically as to how they deny effective representation to the City of Auburn.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

James N. Giannettino, Jr.
City Councilor
City of Auburn, New York
Memorial City Hall
24 South Street
Auburn, NY 13021

office: (315)255-4104
cell: (315)952-9977
email: jgiannettino@auburnny.gov

www.auburnny.gov

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This communication, together with any attachments hereto or links contained herein, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain information that is confidential, privileged, or legally protected, and as such is not a public document. If you are NOT the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, disclosure, copying, dissemination, distribution or use of this communication is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. If you have received this communication in error, please notify the sender immediately by return e-mail message and delete the original and all copies of the communication, along with any attachments hereto or links herein, from your system (161109aub).

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.



"History's Hometown"

CITY OF AUBURN

Office of the City Council
Jimmy Giannettino, City Councilor

May 18, 2022

The Honorable Patrick McAllister
Acting State Supreme Court Justice
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 13810

RE: Redistricting of the City of Auburn

Dear Judge McAllister,

I am writing to urgently request that you reject special master Dr. Jonathan Cervas' proposed congressional and state senate maps, released publicly on May 16, 2022.

The special master's proposed maps are devastating for the city of Auburn. In a letter to you on May 5, 2022 our Mayor, Michael D. Quill respectfully requested that the City of Auburn be included in central New York oriented districts, as that best represents our government and cultural interests. The special master's map proposals for both the congressional districts and the state senate district draw the city of Auburn into districts that have nothing to do with our central New York interests and will negatively impact many issues we are currently involved with as we will likely find ourselves represented by individuals that have no interests in central New York.

The combined impact of the two maps, State Senate and Congress, places Auburn into two districts that will see no electoral competition as the districts are overwhelmingly drawn to the favor of one political party. If that was the fault of the previously rejected State Legislature's maps then the special master's proposed maps are equally at fault and they should also be rejected. Failure to do so will ensure that the City of Auburn will lack effective representation at the federal and state levels for the next ten years.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Giannettino".

Jimmy Giannettino
City Councilor

Brenda A. Wise

From: Steve Marcus <stevemarcus7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Congressional Redistricting Feedback

Dear Justice McAllister and Special Master Cervas,

I own property in the Congressional District NY-7.

While the proposed map does keep the Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, and the Gowanus area together, it excludes Red Hook which should also be included as we share a navigable Federal Superfund site (the Gowanus Canal) and 33 NYS Brownfields site along with schools, libraries, a post office, recreational facilities, a community board.

Many residents in the adjoining neighborhoods frequently shop, dine, and attend performances in Red Hook, and vice versa. NY-7's representative has chosen Red Hook as her home.

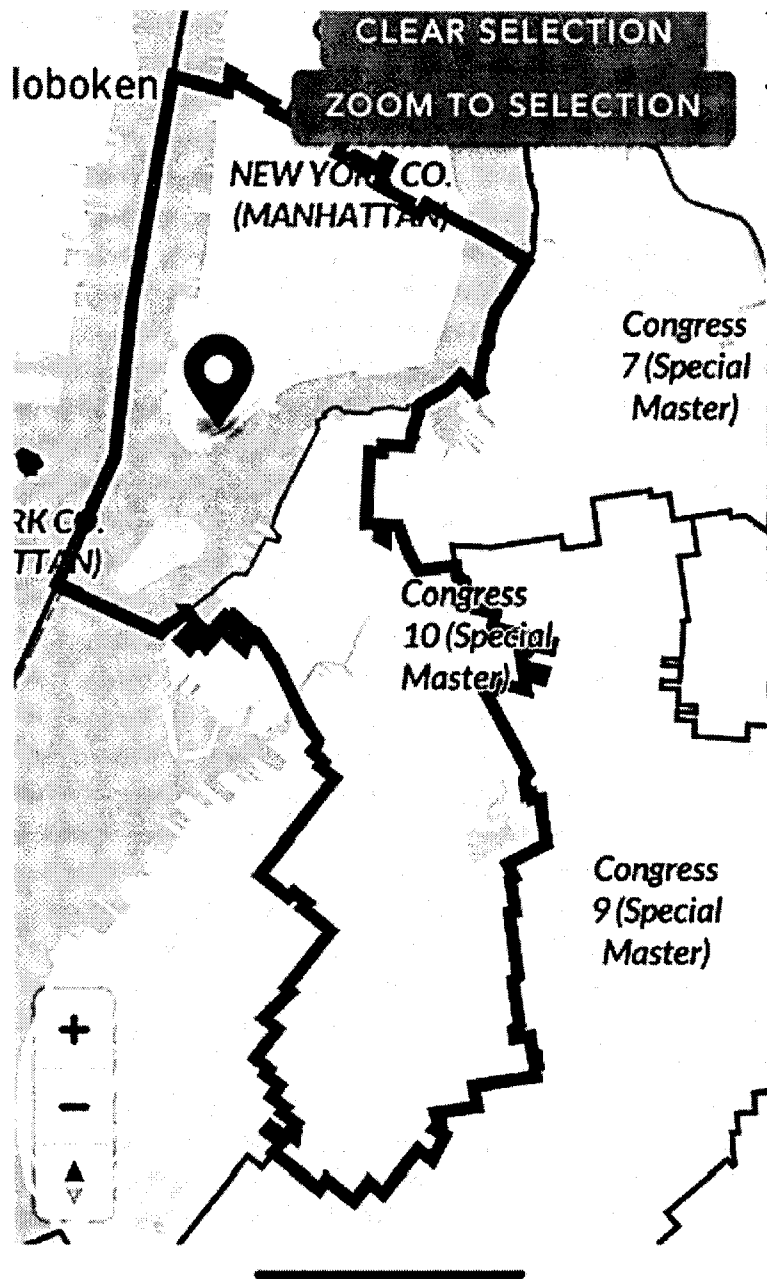
NY-7 is a Latino plurality VRA district and much of the district will lose this vital representation as the proposed maps cut the current NY-7 in half while unnecessarily creating a new and unrepresented NY-10.

NY-7 should be drawn to include Red Hook, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus, along with Sunset Park (which shares communities of interest with other NY-7 neighborhoods of Bushwick and the Manhattan Chinatown) which shares a school district (15).

Gowanus and its neighbors share communities of interest with the other NY-7 neighborhoods. These neighborhoods and their communities of interest should stay unified in the NY7 Congressional district.

Thank you in advance for your help keeping these communities intact.

**Sincerely,
Steve Marcus**



Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Valerie Saunders <vksaunders@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene

Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: janie greenwald <wickerwild@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please reconsider the redistrict map of Greene and Columbia Counties.

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Thank you,
Janie Greenwald

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Guido Sanchez (enjoydissonance) <guido.sanchez@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region

- <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region
- <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,
Guido Sanchez
33 Allen Street
Catskill, NY 12414

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Kristin B <planbkb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Please don't divide the city of Kingston

Dear Judge McCallister,

I write to request that you reconsider splitting the City of Kingston, NY, in Ulster County, into two separate Congressional Districts. Kingston has a poverty rate of 19.24%, one of the highest in the Hudson Valley.

Please don't pit the residents of Kingston against each other by making them compete with each other. And since Members of Congress don't even have to live in the district they represent, this means that not only could Kingston residents have to compete with each other, they could be represented by two people who don't even live in their district.

Please put the City of Kingston back together again by putting all of it into District 18.

Sincerely, Kristin Brown New Paltz, NY

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: JANE KEYES <janekeyes@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Re-drawing of the 20th Congressional District

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask that there be a reconsideration of the reorganization of the 20th Congressional District. Amsterdam and Saratoga have been removed from the 20th in the new maps. I strongly feel that they are part of the Capital District and we have a much better chance of having our voices heard in congress if they remain part of this long standing community connection. The concerns of the north country are not their concerns and it makes no sense to lump them with that region.

Thank you,

Jane Fellows Keyes
518-441-4477

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Mark Hodge <hodgem39@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:56 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.

Thank you.
Mark Hodge
39 North Street
Saratoga Springs, NY

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Marcswanonstudio <marcswanonstudio@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:56 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

Thank you for your time and consideration of this email.

We here in Greene county are very linked with both Columbia County and Albany as well. We are squarely in the Capitol district. A large percentage of our residents commute to Albany for work or Via the Amtrak station in Hudson. What happens in Columbia county greatly affects us and I think we need to have a say of who represents not only Greene county but Columbia county as well.

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am not happy about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Thank you again for your time.
Best Regards,

Marc

[Www.marcswansonstudio.com](http://www.marcswansonstudio.com)

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Alevtina I Yadgarova <ay524@nyu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise

My name is Alevtina edgar, 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,
Alevtina edgar

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: JOAN KADIN <jskadin@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:57 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson

Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Sent from my iPad

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Tristan Salley <rev.tsalley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise; Cervas@cmu.edu
Subject: Redistricting Lakeview Concern

As the Senior Pastor of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Lakeview, New York, and a proud resident of said community, I am disheartened at the prospect that, based on the proposed New York State Redistricting map, my beloved community will be politically divided.

The egregious and erroneous redistricting will result in the church I serve and the home I live in, being represented by different political officials. This redistricting is extremely flagrant and designed to undermine the cherished history as well as the historical value of a small predominately African American community while seeking to disenfranchise the entire community.

As a resident of this historic community, I am making a plea that Lakeview remain in one district. We are a community with a rich history that needs to be respected and maintained. The newly drawn lines will divide us and our votes. This will have catastrophic effects and negatively long lasting effects on our community far beyond just this election. I ask that the redistricting of Lakeview, New York be immediately reconsidered on the basis of doing what is in the best interest of this historic community and its voters.

Yours in Service,

Reverend Tristan J. Salley
Senior Pastor
St. Paul A.M.E. Church - Rockville Centre
453 Pershing Boulevard, Rockville Centre, New York 11570
516-678-7245 - Office
516-766-0504 - Fax
860-881-5735 - Cell
www.stpaulamerc.org

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Gay Isaacs <gayisaacs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson

Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,
Gay Isaacs

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: rf P <wildhorse149@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson

Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Gina Caputo

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Stephanie Saster Dunphy <sasterdunphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:59 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Proposed Redistricting Maps - SD9

Hello. I am a concerned resident of Rockville Centre, NY. I am writing to keep my district WHOLE in SD9. Splitting my district would be detrimental to my community at heart and I do not understand why this needs to happen, especially here in Long Island where political parties are very divided.

Thank you!

Stephanie Dunphy

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Beth Schneck <bschneckphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 11:58 AM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master

Dear Jonathan Cervas,

As a resident and taxpayer of Greene County, NY, I am very upset about the newly defined redistricting map. Separating Columbia and Greene Counties is very inefficient, and neglects the history of our twin counties working together. Currently we share a hospital, community college, mental health resources, addiction recovery resources, and Cornell Cooperative Extension, to name a few. We are already a low income and high addiction county, historically in the low ranking numbers of the state in poverty. Though we are rapidly growing due to the increased influx into the Hudson Valley of Upstate NY, of which Greene County is a vital part. Please reconsider this map.

Greene County is also included in the description of the Capital Region - <https://esd.ny.gov/regionaloverviews/capital/insideregion.html> - which includes Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, and Washington Counties. Multiple organizations exemplify this connection, including ACE Collective - Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE), a project of the Center for Economic Growth (CEG). ACE is dedicated to promoting and growing the Creative Industries in the 8-county Capital Region - <https://www.upstatecreative.org>.

Our economic, social and tourist interaction with our longstanding partner, Columbia County, is exemplified by the name of our local Community College, Columbia-Greene Community College. This partnership is further emphasized by how many organizations are shared by the "Twin Counties", Columbia County and Greene County.

While we are divided by the Hudson River, we share the responsibility for the estuaries and other environmental aspects of the shores of the Hudson River, even though we may not be on the same side of the Hudson.

Separating Greene County from Columbia County, the Hudson River, and Capital Region, in any capacity, is unthinkable for Greene County residents. This is a community element, as well as something distinguished in many publications, now and throughout the past. The Hudson Valley is a part of the Catskill Mountains, which is the heart of Greene County.

We understand that this process to redraw maps has had to happen quickly, please do not discount the vital relationship between Columbia and Greene County, nor our relationship to the Hudson Valley and the Capital Region. This is our home.

Best Regards,
Beth Schneck
Freehold, NY
Greene County

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Charlie Samuels <charliesamuels@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: I have concerns about the Congressional map redraw and how it relates to my community: Saratoga Springs NY

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. 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.

--

Charlie Samuels Portraits & Films +1 212 865-5044
Saratoga Springs NY

Awards-winning director and photographer Charlie Samuels started by shooting the rise of N.Y.C. skateboarding for *Thrasher* magazine. Assignments then came from *Sports Illustrated*, *Elle*, *Time*, *Vogue* and *The New York Times* - where he's been a contributor since. He has collaborated with Supreme apparel, Burton snowboards, Vans shoes and directed/produced the film VIRGIN BLACKTOP.

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Mark Emanatian <memanatian@cdalf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Keep the Capital Region Congressional District Together!

Please keep Congressional District 20 the way it was with the cities of Saratoga and Amsterdam included...this is how it should be!

--
Mark Emanatian
Director
Capital District Area Labor Federation
518-813-4004 (office)
518-779-5059 (cell)

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Ana Sandoval <anagsandoval@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Do not authorize the new proposed Congressional District Map for New York State.

H. Mr. McAllister,

I'm writing to ask you to please **do not authorize the new proposed Congressional District Map for New York State.**

This new map, by Mr. Cervas, does not take in to consideration the boundaries of ethnic communities, which will lose their representation. It is therefore Anti-constitutional.

Thank you

Ana Sandoval

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: William Waldron <ww@williamwaldron.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Special Master's proposed Senate District 41

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of **Columbia County**, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the

north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

William Waldron

williamwaldron.com

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Perry Ascher <perry.ascher@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County & Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of Columbia County, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denies our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson

Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Perry Ascher
363 New Forge Road 1
Ancram, NY 12502
518-851-2357

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Pamela Kline <tpklinee@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise
Subject: Columbia County CD19

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the draft Congressional map released earlier this week. I am a resident of **Columbia County**, and the proposed changes would have disastrous consequences for our county. If allowed to stand, Columbia County would be separated from both the Capital District and the Mid-Hudson Valley regions, as well as its county neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map groups our county with Southern Tier and Finger Lakes counties, with which it has no commonality or relationship. This is unprecedented and would result in a poor outcome for our county when it comes to identity, representation, and allocation of resources.

Columbia County is located along the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the Department of Economic Development has placed Columbia County in the Capital District. Under the proposed map, Columbia County would be isolated from both regions and be the only county in CD19 on the east side of the Hudson River. Columbia County should be part of a contiguous district of adjoining Mid-Hudson Valley counties. Based on current 2020 Census data, the combined populations of Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties would be 748,393 people, which is within the range of +/- 10 percent of the average congressional district.

Columbia County has been excised from its peers and placed in a congressional district that shares little in common administratively. Our judicial, assembly, and senate districts have little, if any, overlap with other counties

included in the proposed CD19. Effective government requires coordination and collaboration. The proposed map diminishes Columbia County's political power.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Ulster, and Greene Counties have a common history, developing major agricultural and industrial centers because of their proximity to the Hudson River. There is no such common history with counties located in the middle and western portions of New York State.

The five County Seat Cities of Hudson, Poughkeepsie, Troy, Kingston, and Catskill had a similar rise as major industrial cities that suffered steep economic declines in the first half of the 20th century but are now experiencing a great resurgence. These small to medium sized cities have diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, socio-economic, and gender/sexual orientation populations. These cities have higher poverty levels than the surrounding countryside and have similar challenges to meet the need for infrastructure, broadband, workforce housing, and healthcare throughout the counties. Columbia County should be in a congressional district with its neighbors who face the same challenges and concerns.

Our proximity to New York City has created a rich, year-round arts community, with many artists, painters, dancers, musicians, actors, galleries, and antique stores that all create a destination for tourism. There is a significant and growing population of New York City dual homeowners. Newer residents are starting local small businesses, adding to the economic diversity in our county. Columbia County is also home to many exurban communities of Albany, not Ithaca or Binghamton. Columbia County is tethered economically, culturally and socially to its neighbors to the north and south. The proposed map ignores these connections, and in doing so, denied our county of effective representation.

Please preserve Columbia County as a unified community of interest with our neighboring counties. We share similar agricultural, historic, artistic, and economic challenges and opportunities with Dutchess, Ulster, Rensselaer, and Greene Counties as part of the Mid-Hudson Valley region. Dividing Columbia County, or separating us from the Mid-Hudson Valley region, would seriously impact the residents who want to build for the future and be fairly represented in Congress. It would be a gross miscarriage of justice that will have long-term adverse consequences for our residents and our region if these district lines are allowed to stand. We urge you to correct this grave mistake.

Very truly yours,

Pamela B. Kline

Pam Kline
Tpklnee@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.

Brenda A. Wise

From: Lewis, Lorna, Dr. <llewis@malverneschools.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 12:05 PM
To: Brenda A. Wise; cervas@cmu.edu
Cc: Malverne BOE; DORIS HICKS; flournoyconsult@aol.com; kaminsky@nysenate.gov; Griffinj@nyassembly.gov; D'Esposito, Jeanna (External); Avvinti, Laura (External); Bottitta, Josephine (External)
Subject: Lakeview Representation in the new maps

Dear State Supreme Court Justice Patrick McAllister;

I write to you as the Superintendent of the Malverne UFSD with concerns over the impact the new congressional maps will have on the students of Lakeview and our entire school community. We are a high performing district of color that may be one of New York's best hopes for understanding how setting high expectations for students and supporting them to achieve can be accomplished. We have been able to do this because we can call on our local legislators to support us in numerous efforts that our state aid can not cover. Such aid has come consistently from legislators like Judy Griffin, Tom Kaminsky and Taylor Darling, who know and support our community.

While we are still mourning with the families and citizens of Buffalo over the recent racially motivated shooting deaths, the maps were released for the Congressional and Senate areas. These maps are devastating for our African American communities all over the state and it directly impacts our local community of Lakeview. Woodfield Road is a symbol to Lakeview and our entire school community. It is there that our Woodfield Road Elementary school was located when we received our order to desegregate in 1965. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King visited there to help us in these efforts. The new maps seek to split the residents of Woodfield Road into two districts. This one act would cause this historic African American community to lose their collective voice in choosing their state representatives. Our well-known legislators will be lost and the voting power of the residents of Lakeview will be drastically diluted and diminished. As such, the current map violates the New York State Constitution, Article III, Section 4(c)(1), which specifically prohibits the creation of political districts that abridge the voting rights of racial minority voting rights.

There does not appear to be any valid reason why the small cohesive community of Lakeview should suddenly be divided into two election districts. If this map is accepted, Lakeview and the Malverne School District will be weakened while the focus from our elected officials will be diffused between two senators. All of Lakeview is in one school district, has the same utilities and faces common challenges. Lakeview's representation cannot be as effective if it is not unified. Moreover, if Lakeview remains in two separate election districts, election materials such as political pamphlets, flyers, petitions, and ballots, would have to be split up into multiple campaigns. This would make it much more difficult and expensive to reach voters.

The current state of affairs in New York, and indeed our nation, is pointing in a direction that threatens to take away the hard gains that residents like the people of Lakeview fought for and won over the years. These maps will dilute African American voting strengths and disenfranchise people of color all over the state. Please reconsider the map as currently drawn and instead place all of Lakeview in one state senate election district.

Dr. Lorna R. Lewis
Superintendent

*Malverne VFSD
301 Wicks Lane
Malverne NY 11565
516-887-6405*



Please be CAREFUL when clicking links or opening attachments from external senders.