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Public Input to the Independent Redistricting Commission Submitted by: Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri November 23, 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comments regarding the redistricting of our state and federal legislative districts. As Mayor of Utica, it is of utmost importance that our region not be divided in multiple legislative districts. While Utica is an ethnically diverse city, our greater region has shared interests and having our community split into multiple districts would hinder the cohesive representation that's helped coordinate and facilitate collaboration efforts among local officials.

Given the exciting growth and revitalization in Utica, and the greater Utica area, it is in our community's interest to have unified representation. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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