

December 6, 2021

Dear Co-Executive Director Blatt, Co-Executive Director Breakell, and Commissioners:

Please find attached to this submission, three links to maps developed by the Empire Center. Our goal was to create districts without any partisan consideration, but rather focused on; 1) meeting all of the constitutional and legal requirements for redistricting, including those new provisions being tested for the first time this year; and 2) producing districts that preserve municipal borders to the most practicable extent.

Our maps were created with the following priority of inputs:

1. Voting Rights Act;
2. maintaining, as practical, county borders;
3. maintaining, as practical, town and village borders;
4. maintaining, as practical, city borders; and
5. district compactness.

You can find our proposed maps at the following links:

- Congressional Districts - <https://tinyurl.com/2p89s6mm>
- State Senate Districts - <https://tinyurl.com/59t88vfb>
- State Assembly Districts - <https://tinyurl.com/4w9s88e3>

We realize how difficult it might be to produce truly non-partisan maps in such a politically charged environment. We hope these examples may serve as a starting point for the Commission to deliver on its mission and present the Legislature and New Yorkers with truly fair redistricting maps.

Regards,



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