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To the Independent Redistricting Commission:

I wish to share comments regarding the proposed New York State Assembly redistricting maps which are currently under review and public comment. Specifically, regarding the 108th Assembly District.

The concern I have with the current proposal is that the City of Rensselaer and Town/Village of Waterford is replaced by expanding the district eastward to Brunswick and West Sand Lake. Replacing Rensselaer and Waterford with these communities is not a logical fit since these new communities are not communities of interest when one looks at the history of the 108th (formerly the 106th) Assembly District and would result in communities of interest being removed from the district.

The 108<sup>th</sup> district has been one that is known as "The River" district, and this dates back over 40 years when it was represented by Neil Kelleher Sr. Subsequently, it was represented by Michael McNulty and Ron Canestrari. All individuals were from the Hudson River adjacent communities of Troy, Green Island, and Cohoes. At the same time, the communities of Waterford and Rensselaer have been very actively involved with the other communities since they belong to either RiverSpark (which is an Urban Cultural Park) or the Albany Pool Communities. All are close neighbors who are engaged in many shared services agreements and many families consider the various communities within the 108<sup>th</sup> to be inextricable parts of their own communities and routinely travel or move between the communities.

My request is to reconsider the proposed maps and to keep the current 108th Assembly District map as it currently stands if at all possible.

Thank you for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles V. Patricelli".

Charles V. Patricelli  
Mayor