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Dear Members of the New York Independent Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a lifelong resident, an active member of the Borough Park community, and the Executive Director of "Together We Are," a social service organization that caters to the Borough Park community. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thoughts and concerns regarding our neighborhood.

Borough Park is predominantly inhabited by the Chasidic-Orthodox Jewish community, and our community is characterized by our unique values and customs. As you walk the streets of our neighborhood, you can witness a vibrant and thriving community that takes pride in its cultural heritage.

Our neighborhood boasts numerous synagogues, yeshivas, kosher eateries, and shops selling religious items. Charitable organizations that serve the community are abundant, and we are proud to say that we are a close-knit "community of interest."

In light of our distinct identity and needs, we firmly believe that it is crucial for our representative in the New York State Assembly to share our common interests and serve as a voice for us. Despite being a small minority in the city, we want to be appropriately represented in the legislative process. This can only be achieved if the entire Borough Park community remains united in one district with representation that caters to our specific needs.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel Rosenfeld