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To: New York Independent Redistricting Commission

As of January 1, 2022, I will be the Town Supervisor for Lewisboro. I have been on the Town Board of Lewisboro since 2018 and have been a resident of Lewisboro since 1992. All this time, Lewisboro has been part of what is now called the 93rd Assembly District.

One of the defining characteristics of Lewisboro is its rural feel, while being within commuting distance to New York City. We have a lot of focus on our parks, trails, preserves, wetlands, and water supplies. Lewisboro has no municipal water system, therefore most of the people in Lewisboro have well water which is not the case for many other municipalities in Westchester. This leads to a whole host of issues that are unique to rural communities. Many of these crucial issues are shared by the neighboring municipalities – Pound Ridge, North Salem, and Bedford. I work closely with these other municipalities on issues such as the PFAS contamination in the water supplies as well as issues related to wastewater plants, wetland preservation, power outages due to storms and our abundance of trees, and also traffic patterns through our small towns since our landscape and community characters are very similar.

For decades, we have had a lot of shared services and agreements with these other adjoining municipalities. We have worked together on such things as drug prevention programs and help for domestic abuse victims, on such domestic abuse center supports these neighboring municipalities.

There are so many characteristics of a region which are not evident by looking at a map. Lewisboro, Pound Ridge, Bedford, and North Salem are best served by staying in the same Assembly District. Although North Salem has changed Assembly Districts in the past, Lewisboro, Pound Ridge, and Bedford have been part of this same Assembly District for generations, which has also included New Castle, North Castle, Mount Kisco, White Plains and Harrison. Although I know that it might be impossible to keep this district completely intact, I feel like putting Lewisboro in a district with Putnam County or with the towns farther west in Westchester County would not be in our best interests.

As an elected official and resident of Lewisboro, I believe it is in our best interest to stay in an Assembly District with other communities with similar needs, problems, and interests.

Sincerely,



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