To: The Independent Redistricting Commission

I write as a private citizen who has lived in the Town and Village of Scarsdale, NY for over 30 years, and not as a representative of any organization or political party. However, I have been an active volunteer in many of the local organizations in my community. I continue to serve in many of them and have served in leadership roles in many of them in the past. I am politically active in both the nonpartisan party system for the Village and Town Board of Scarsdale and the Scarsdale School Board and in my registered political party. My experiences inform my opinion of what a district representing my community’s interests should look like.

The Scarsdale and Edgemont communities share much in common—similar demographics and economic resources, many international families, a strong commitment to educational excellence for our children in both public and private schools. We share resources and maintain memberships in many different organizations such as the *Scarsdale Inquirer* and several online news services, mental health services provided by Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling Service, the Scarsdale Chinese School of Southern Westchester housed at Edgemont High School, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts organizations, and the congregations of many of our religious institutions. Our communities share a common zipcode-10583-and the Scarsdale Metro North train station located on the border of Scarsdale and Edgemont is used by residents of both communities every day. The shopping district in Scarsdale Village serve both communities.

In light of the many successful pathways these two communities have forged to better their communities, I strongly urge the IRC to continue to recognize the commonality of interest shared by Scarsdale and Edgemont and to retain these contiguous communities in State Assembly District 88.

Respectfully submitted,

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