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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for your consideration as you reach a decision regarding redistricting in Western New York. This letter is specifically to address proposed changes to the 62nd Senate District.

I am writing on behalf of Save Ontario Shores, a grassroots citizens group formed in January 2015 to address the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Yates and Town of Somerset taxpayers and residents regarding the issue of permitting Apex Clean Energy, Inc. to build 47 to 70 industrial wind turbines over 600 feet tall in these rural towns.

This region holds rich resources in terms of access to Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls, the Niagara River, the Erie Canal, and a portion of the Great Lakes Seaway Trail. Agricultural enterprises, wildlife refuges, and varied recreational opportunities abound and offer a sense of community for those who live and work in the area. Many people in this region commute towards the Buffalo and Rochester areas.

The cohesiveness of the current district would be greatly disturbed by including significant territory that extends further south than presently included. The territory included in the Democratic plan would skirt the city of Buffalo and include regions less familiar to residents of Niagara and Orleans Counties. The rural areas south of Buffalo have commuting patterns that connect them with the Buffalo city and south suburbs but not to Orleans and Niagara Counties. These areas have different concerns from regions along Lake Ontario and the sense of community mentioned above would suffer.

There is merit in the current structure of the 62nd Senate District and that matches most closely to the Republican Plan as drafted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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