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**Testimony of State Assemblymember Dan Quart  
On Decennial Redistricting  
Before the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment.

The decennial redistricting process is a chance for New Yorkers to rebalance our legislative districts. However, we must be careful that in doing so, we keep communities and neighborhoods together, ensuring that their political power is not diluted by being split across districts. With this in mind, there is an important task that our new maps must accomplish: keeping Sutton Place and Turtle Bay in a Manhattan district.

Sutton Place and Turtle Bay are Manhattan neighborhoods on the far east side of the island. Residents of these neighborhoods send their kids to Manhattan schools, they are policed by Manhattan's 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct, they do their grocery shopping in Manhattan. Their City Councilmembers and Borough President are from Manhattan, as are their places of worship, workplaces and health care providers. These communities are in and of Manhattan, through and through, and in the State Legislature, they should be represented by Manhattanites, in order to preserve this community of interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.