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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission
Mid-Hudson Valley and Capital Region

Dear Honorable Commission Members:

I am a Trustee of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in the Town of Greenburgh, and speak for the majority of the Board of Trustees when I say that we would prefer that the District map remain unchanged with respect to our municipal boundaries.

It is true that we have much in common with the Villages to the north of us: the rivers, ridges and valleys of our region have all historically encouraged the construction of north-south railways and roadways. The Rivertowns react to many social and environmental issues in much the same way, and our economic interests are typically aligned. We are a proud member of this community.

Given that Hastings is at the southern end of the Rivertowns, though, we also have a unique relationship with our more urban neighbors to the south. This relationship keeps us constantly reminded of the great diversity of viewpoints that exist within the larger metropolitan area of which we are a part. The mouth of the Saw Mill River, for example, is in Yonkers, just to the south of us, and that city has been a great force in the cleanup of that watershed. Our emergency services have municipal aid agreements not just to the north of us, but to the east and south. As a community, we seek to build bridges in all directions, overcoming the geographical and manmade boundaries that separate the Rivertowns from the rest of this region while still maintaining our identity.

Representatives with a diverse constituency are encouraged to more creative compromise than stubborn intransigence. We believe that in our case, the District boundaries as they are set for Hastings-on-Hudson do more to bring a diversity of views to Albany and the halls of Congress, and we ask that you leave them in our case as they are drawn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Morgen Fleisig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Morgen Fleisig
Trustee
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

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