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Independent Redistricting Commission

250 Broadway

New York, NY 10007

Dear Members of the Commission,

I resided in the 96th Assembly District and am one of the NYS Committee Persons serving on the

New York State Democratic Committee. I would like to comment on the proposed re-districting map for the 96th Assembly currently under consideration.

The proposed map should NOT be considered for the following reasons:

1. The Town of Clarkstown as a whole is a community of interest and should be kept together.

2. The Town of Clarkstown has a town-wide identity, this identity spans generations etc.

3. The Town has numerous events, celebrations etc. that are attended by the entire Town, they have a well-used parks and recreation system and numerous other amenities.

4. It is important that the commission preserve the core of the existing district. This current map completely ignores the core of the existing district. Clarkstown has always been unified and has been combined with Haverstraw in an Assembly district for decades. These two towns have become a broader community of interest. It has led to efficient representation for the residents of these towns. It creates a compact district.

5. Breaking up the Town of Haverstraw and the Town of Clarkstown from an Assembly district will throw out decades of precedent and hurt representation for the residents.

6. Both the Town of Clarkstown and Haverstraw have an identity within Rockland County. Rockland is the smallest geographical County in NY outside the five boroughs and Clarkstown and Haverstraw should be kept within a Rockland Assembly district that is substantially similar to the core of the existing district.

7. Linking the villages of Nyack and South Nyack with Upper Nyack and the rest of the 96th district is the best way to make up the rest of the population of an Assembly District and preserve the best representation and communities of interest for Rockland County.

Thank you for your consideration and allowing me to express my views as to why the re-districted district for 96th should NOT be approved .

Sincerely yours,

Nicole M. Doliner

NYS Committee Person for the 96th