Testimony Redistricting

I am Holly Mccall, a resident of New Castle, parent of two teenagers and currently serve on the Town Board of New Castle. Speaking as both a representative of the town and an individual citizen, I strongly urge you to not remove New Castle from Assembly District 93.

The Town of New Castle and its residents would be done a great disservice. Not only do New Castle residents often patronize businesses and services in Bedford and Mount Kisco, but the municipalities also share a wide range of interests and concerns. Inter-municipal agreements are in place with these municipalities for drinking water, backup water supply, waste water solutions, fire protection, Advanced Life Support services, NYC watershed monitoring and more.

Again, New Castle residents depend on many services in Mt. Kisco such as Northern Westchester Hospital, we receive regular medical care in Mt. Kisco, attend churches and synagogues drawing from the same three communities, New Castle residents who vote early primarily do so in Mt. Kisco, restaurants and shops in Mt. Kisco are owned, operated and frequented by New Castle residents. Our families send their children to activities in Mt. Kisco, I myself drive up and down the Saw Mill Parkway to and from Mt. Kisco for my children's activities almost daily.

One of the regional strengths of the Towns of New Castle, Mt. Kisco and Bedford is that they have easy access to the Saw Mill Parkway as well as train stations and parking along the Harlem line of the Metro North Railroads. With this key transportation access comes challenges unique to these Towns, railroad grade crossings, and enforcement issues, to name just two that require a regional approach to resolve.

The Town of New Castle has been a part of a northern Westchester Assembly District dating back as far as 1906 and I can see no benefit for our community or residents to be removed, rather it would only result in irreparable harm and disruption to the strong ties and communities of interest which the Town of New Castle, its residents, its businesses and its community organizations enjoy and rely upon.

For these reasons and more, I strongly urge the Redistricting Commission to adopt the 2022 Assembly District map and reject the draft map.