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Dear Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission;

My name is Mike Cazzari and, I am the current Supervisor of the Town of Carmel, I have extensive knowledge of every neighborhood within my town, having served as a police officer for over 35 years with the Carmel Police Department until my retirement as Police Chief in 2020.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed redistricting map. The members of the New York State Assembly are elected every two years to ensure that they are responsive and attentive to their constituents. I believe each individual assembly district is best if comprised of voters that share the same values, community ties, issues and needs in common. If everyone from a particular community is located in the same district, then that community theoretically has a greater influence in election outcomes and is more likely to be represented by a member of the State Assembly more reactive to the community and its needs.

The proposed state assembly map will be dividing my community into two parts, weakening our town's influence in the political process. My town residences will have less leverage in advocating for their interests and in securing the resources and policy changes, which they, our taxpayers believe are needed from the state government.

I am advocating for the voters of the Town of Carmel, to keep Carmel whole and not to break our community in two.

Respectfully,

Michael Cazzari
Supervisor