Testimony to the Redistricting Commission

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My name is Ronna Blaser, and I have lived on the Upper West Side for ten years.

The proposed draft lines of the 67 Assembly district must be rejected by this Commission. The latest draft divides the Upper West Side community at West 86 Street, however, the 67 Assembly district has always included our neighbors to the north in the West 90s. I have lived on West 93rd Street for ten years, and know firsthand that many of the issues my friends and neighbors experience in the West 80s also impact my block. We also share many, if not all, of the same cultural institutions, supermarkets, public transportation and parks. The Commission's arbitrary boundary at West 86 Street fractures the continuity of our current community.

I urge the Commission to reject the proposed draft of the 67 Assembly district. It is important that the current 67 Assembly lines stay intact to keep like-minded constituencies and communities of interest together.