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Greetings to Commissioner of the Independent Redistricting Commission of New York, and thank you for allowing us to speak on behalf of the communities we represent.

My name is Dr. Amarilis Jacobo, and I am writing as business owner and member of the community of the Bronx. As a voter constituent, I am very concerned as to who will be representing our community. I would like our community to be represented by a person who best serves our interest and needs, as this community is basically made of Latino homes and business owners

The Community is largely made of Latinx constituents and the vast majority are of Dominican decent. We strongly advocate for a person who will serve our community interest. The vast majority of healthcare employees, bodega, supermarkets, beauty salon, car services and child care in the Bronx are Latinx.

Take in consideration the largest communities in the Bronx are Hispanic and the most common language spoken in the Bronx is Spanish. Hispanic population based on 2019 data USA is 56.4%.

These hospitals all in the Bronx employ the vast majority of Latinx, Montefiore, Saint Barnabas, Lincoln, Bronx Lebanon, Jacobi, Albert Einstein, North Central, Calvary and Bronx Care.

I've have been practicing in the Bronx for over 20 years and 90% of my patients are Latinos, we need representation. We need someone who will understand their language, needs and advocate in their favor not against them.

I would like to once again thank the commissioner for taking the time to read my interest and community needs.

Kindly,

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