Please consider all points of view while deliberating the redistricting of NYS.

Thank you for your service,

Colleen

I was born and raised in the Olean NY area. Having been raised on a small dairy farm, I know firsthand how important it is to ensure a voice for rural America and rural NY State. So many laws are made that reflect the needs and desires of the larger populated areas and at times, hinder the progress of rural areas. This is true for laws, mandates, and regulations that not only govern States but those that also govern local school districts.

Given the vast differences in rural, suburban and urban needs, I am respectfully requesting that rural NY State continue to remain separate from the Buffalo and Niagara Falls Region. Please do not support a redistricting move that will yield little or no voice for the Southern Tier in Washington D.C. The current configuration of districts has proven to be effective; therefore I ask that it remain in effect.

Our major concerns are access to quality health care – we need to ensure we have local hospitals and medical facilities available; infrastructure – county roads, bridges, high speed internet, along with water and sewer are essential and need to be updated and maintained; economic growth in the areas of agriculture and small business development is essential to our future; and we need to be supported with allowable Federal funds without being over shadowed by the larger populated area.

My understanding is the Commission was established to consider the needs of all. Please support Congressional district by adopting the map that keeps the Southern Tier counties together along the I-86 corridor.