

To: The Independent Redistricting Commission

I am a private citizen who has lived in Edgemont (with PO address of Scarsdale, NY) for 20 years, and not as a representative of any organization or political party.

My experiences as a resident, as a parent of children in the Edgemont school system and as a long-time volunteer and Board member of local institutions (Scarsdale Synagogue and Hearts & Homes for Refugees) inform my opinion of what a district representing my community's interests should look like.

The Scarsdale and Edgemont communities have a great deal in common—similar demographics and economic resources; culturally diverse populations; a strong commitment to educational excellence for our children in both public and private schools; and shared resources for our children, elderly and families. We are both covered - together! - in local media such as the Scarsdale Inquirer and several online news services. We share the benefits of mental health services provided by Scarsdale Edgemont Family Counseling Service, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts organizations, and the congregations of all the local Scarsdale- and Edgemont-based religious institutions. Our communities share a common zipcode (10583) and the Scarsdale Metro North train station located on the border of Scarsdale and Edgemont is used by residents of both communities every day. The shopping district in Scarsdale Village serves both communities.

In light of the many successful pathways these two communities have forged to better their communities, I strongly urge the IRC to continue to recognize the commonality of interest shared by Scarsdale and Edgemont and to retain these contiguous communities in State Assembly District 88.

Respectfully submitted,

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