

To: New York State Independent Redistricting Commission

From: David LeFeber, Chairman, Livingston County Board of Supervisors

Re: Redistricting of the 133rd NYS Assembly District

Dated: October 19, 2021

My name is David LeFeber. I am Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Livingston County and Supervisor of the Town of Avon.

I have had an opportunity to review both of the proposed maps for the redistricting of the 133rd AD.

While I understand the need to reconfigure the boundaries in light of the 2020 census, I have serious concerns about dividing Livingston County into two separate assembly districts. As you are aware, Livingston County is currently wholly within the 133rd AD and, as is evident in the map, it is the heart of the district (see Exhibit A).

Dividing Livingston County into two different assembly districts would negatively affect residents of this county. Additionally, the goals of the Independent Redistricting Commission can be easily achieved without this drastic course of action. Please, let me explain:

1) Negative Impact to Livingston County Residents if County Divided

The preservation of Livingston County, as a whole, within the 133rd AD is very important. All of the towns and villages within the county are very similar. The county is predominantly a rural, agricultural area. In fact, even the towns and villages within the district in Monroe and Steuben Counties share these traits.

Further, the 133rd AD is configured so that the district can easily be traversed. Interstate I-390 runs the entire length of the district. This allows for meaningful contact and access between constituents and the assembly member even in a rural area.

If the southern portion of Livingston County were reassigned to another assembly district as proposed by the IRC, meaningful contact and access to an assembly member would be lost to approximately 17,000 of our residents. In all likelihood, they would become part of huge districts in the southern tier where their assembly members would be considerable distances away: for example, Olean or Corning on the Pennsylvania border. This would directly and negatively affect contact and access for residents of my county to an assembly member.

Of note, Livingston County is already divided between two State Senate seats. One senator is from Erie County and the other is from Jamestown. Both have to travel great distances to come to this county for constituent contact.

As a result, it is imperative to have at least one state legislator that ALL county residents have direct access to. Our residents deserve this.

If Livingston County is kept intact, it would serve to 1) preserve the county, 2) preserve the core of the current district and 3) continue to allow for meaningful contact and access between all county residents and their assembly member.

2) Goals of the IRC can be easily achieved through other means

A review of the county and town maps demonstrates the 133rd AD can be reconfigured to conform to the goals of the IRC with minimal boundary changes and while keeping the core of the district intact (see Exhibit B).

While I am not advocating specifically that Exhibit B be adopted, it certainly shows that by removing one town (whose population may be needed to buttress other southern tier assembly members) and adding a few towns in Ontario County, the core of the current 133rd remains intact. All of the current towns in Monroe and Livingston remain intact and four out of five Steuben towns remain intact.

Clearly, the 133rd can be redrawn without dividing Livingston.

I appreciate the opportunity to explain the impact that your work will have on our county.

I respectfully request that Livingston County remain intact for the reasons stated.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David LeFeber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "LeFeber" clearly distinguishable.

David LeFeber

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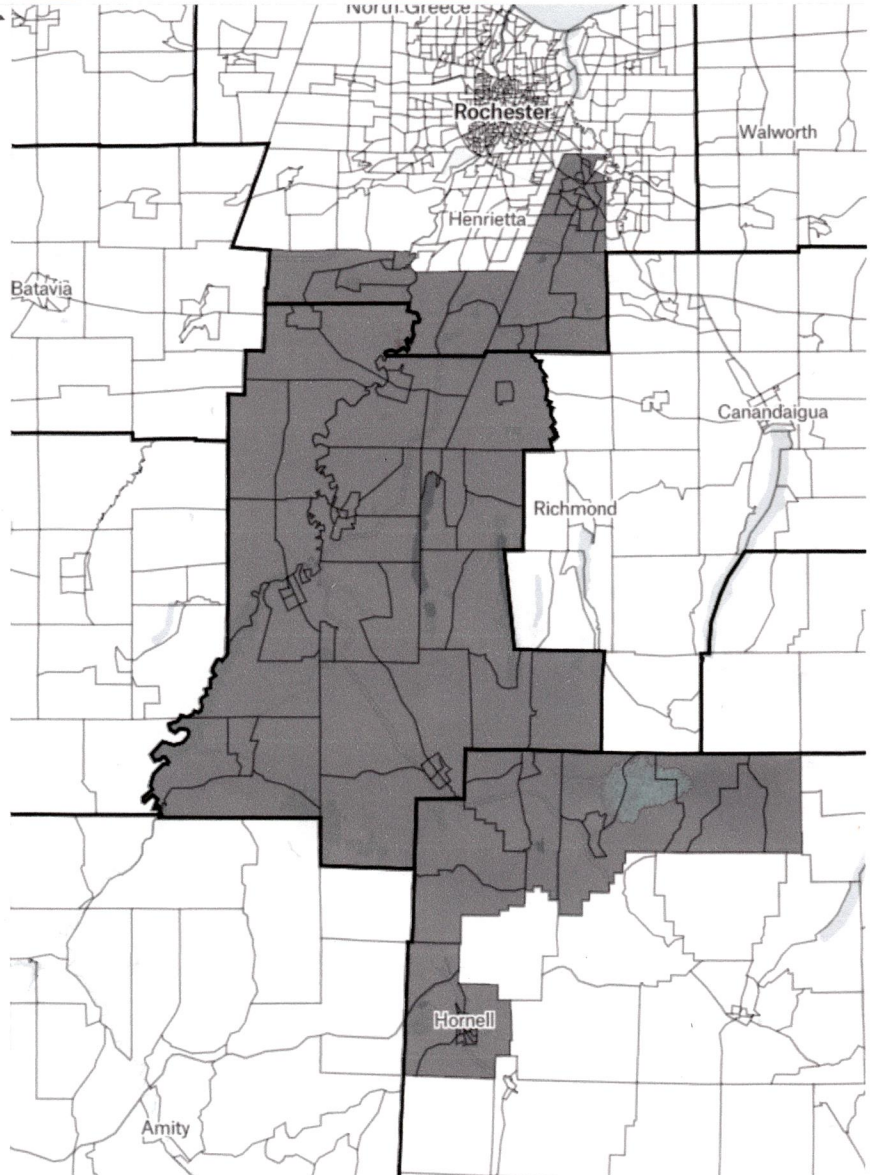
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EXHIBIT B

current 133rd

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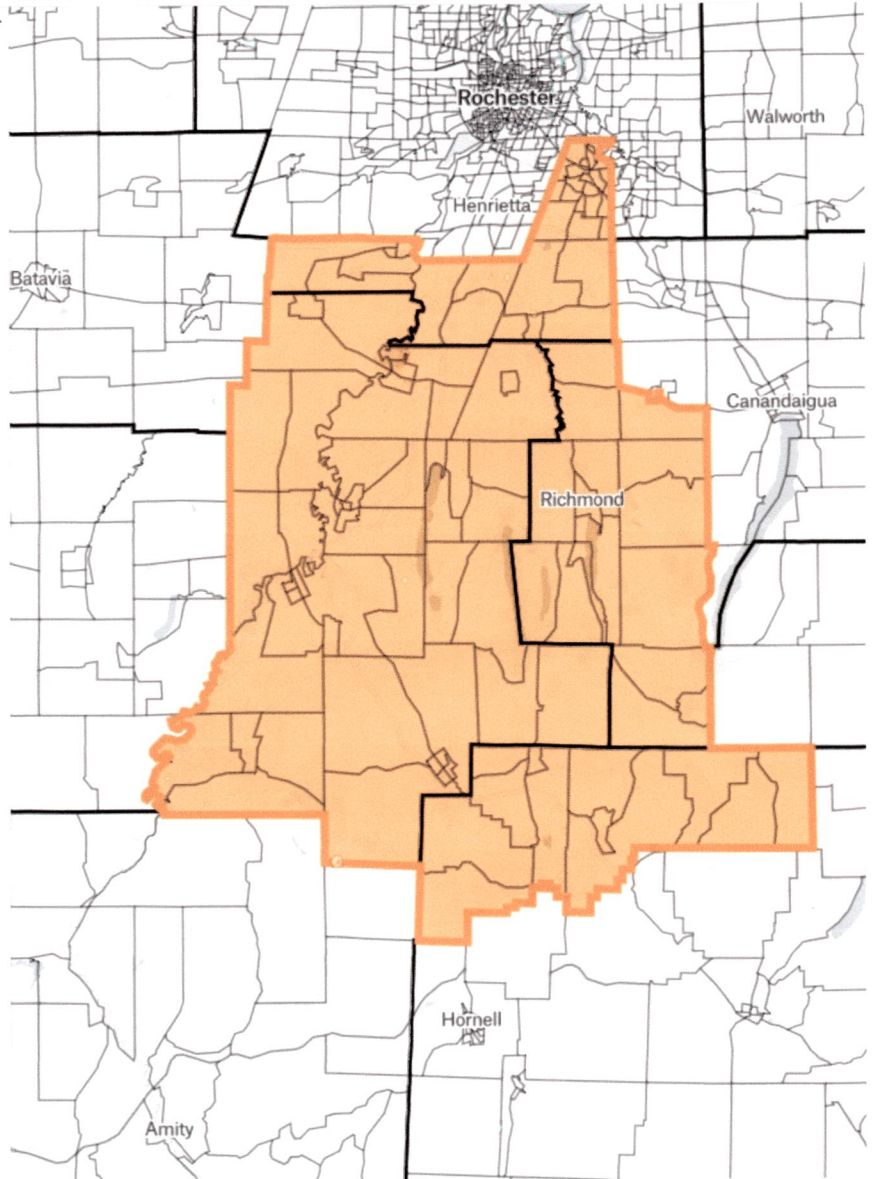
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