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It is arbitrary to split up our town between two Assembly districts and contravenes the specific guidance for fair redistricting. It also makes no sense. Our town is whole for every other representative district including the districts for Congress, state senate, judicial and county legislature. Moreover, it would be confusing to voters and other elected officials. It is unfair.

Populations are also unequal compared to neighbors. Proposed assembly districts 108, 109, 111, and 113 have 1,000-3,000 more people than proposed assembly districts 110 and 112. It would make sense to move Halfmoon into AD112 and the northern half of Niskayuna to AD110. From my personal experience traveling throughout Saratoga County and meeting residents in southern Saratoga County, Halfmoon is very similar to the other towns in the proposed AD112.