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New York State Independent Redistricting Commission
250 Broadway, 22nd Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Members of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to express my concerns to the proposed change to New York State Assembly District 54. Specifically, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to cross county lines and include several blocks from Queens County.

As a resident of the current District 54, I strongly believe that any redistricting efforts should prioritize the maintenance of community cohesion and continuity. The proposed change would disrupt the natural flow of our community and create unnecessary divisions between neighboring areas. Crossing county lines would also present logistical issues for constituents and make it difficult for community leaders to work together on local matters, as well as create confusion and make it more difficult for our community to receive the services they need.

While Ridgewood is a great community, I feel its residents would prefer a representative in the state Assembly be from Queens for better community continuity. I urge the Commission to modify this proposal and prioritize a redistricting plan that respects the integrity of our community and represents our interests in the New York State Assembly. Any changes to our district should be made with the goal of improving our representation, while being mindful and respectful of County lines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Erik Martin Dilan