To the Committee,

My name is Tammy Rose and I am a 30 year resident of Assembly District 39. I am submitting testimony today regarding the new map proposed by the IRC. As an active member who has not only participated in the Census Count but also in various Get out the Vote initiatives to keep our community engaged and involved, I feel this new map would make our efforts almost impossible to maintain.

The newly proposed map would reduce the voice of our community, especially the voters of color. This proposed map would break up neighborhoods we have worked to build and give a voice to. Our communities have long been under under-represented in state government. Through our organizing efforts, we have been able to change that by undertaking significant civic engagement efforts to make themselves heard at the ballot box. I urge you to ensure our current Assembly map stays in tact as is, especially in our region where we truly have effective representation. In Western Queens, we currently have 6 Assembly members of color, including, for the first time, 3 Latinos and one Asian American.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony. And here is to fingers crossed, I stay in my representatives district, we still have more work to do and she is an effective leader who ensure the work gets done.

Thank you,

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