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Commissioners:

My name is Nicola DeMarco and I’m a registered voter in the 17th Congressional District, living in the City of Peekskill.

Thank you for your efforts to reset and improve voting districts and for inviting public comments.

I believe the Hudson River towns, villages and cities from Peekskill to White Plains should be in one Congressional District as we share common interests.

We share relationships that hold your community together, like schools, businesses, faith communities, or community organizations.

We all benefit from the beauty and resources associated with a clean and safe Hudson River. Preserving that safety and accessibility enhances our lives in property values, public health as well as protecting our common environment.

African-American and Hispanic residents of these Hudson River communities have historically faced discrimination and marginalization. These neighbor need a common voice in government to protect them and understand their needs. In housing, schools, employment and health people of color presently face disparities and unequal opportunities.

My U.S. House Representative is Mondaire Jones and I believe he best serves our common interests and advocates for marginalized people. He knows that a rising tide lifts all boats.

Thank you,

Nicola DeMarco