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Dear Members of the Commission,

Please accept this letter as our comments and our opposition to the current plan for redistricting here in the City of Watervliet. I'm submitting these comments on behalf of myself, Councilwoman Barb Diamond and Councilman Chris Daus. Unfortunately, we have a city council meeting tonight which prevents us from attending in person.

Currently as the plan calls for Watervliet will now lose one representative. This is unacceptable. Our city has changed drastically over the years without any loss of population. We have seen a rise in minority and foreign population which is totally different than our neighbors in Colonie. Our needs are different than those of Colonie and similar to the other river communities and a reduction in representation is a disservice to our residents. We are one of the only three cities in the County and all have similar issues and needs. Combining us with parts of Colonie is apples and oranges and no representative can argue for both areas with the same interests in mind.

Due to the lack of time of notice of this proposal I would have provided more documents and numbers to support our needs. Again, I'm voicing our objection to this plan and feel you can do better to serve our residents of Watervliet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles V. Patricelli".

Charles V. Patricelli, Mayor