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Dear Members of the Albany County Redistricting Commission:

I write regarding the most recent draft map published in July as it pertains to the confines of the 27th Legislative District. Specifically, I would like to make note of the area along Central Avenue between Lisha Kill Road and Massachusetts Avenue which has been included within the 28th Legislative District within the July draft map.

The areas to the south and west of Central Avenue in that part of the Town of Colonie represent one contiguous, cohesive neighborhood. As presently drawn, the neighborhood has been divided in half. These areas, connected by Albany Street and Palm Street as well as Central Avenue, are closely related, and a drive-through of the area would make this immediately evident. If the maps as drawn necessitate the 28th District coming into the Town of Colonie in this area, I propose that the boundary be pushed southwest from Central Avenue to Albany Street. This change would ensure that the neighborhood remains unified with respect to its representation and better reflects the intended goals the Commission.

I understand that redistricting is a give and take, and that the changes I have proposed may change the population deviations of adjacent districts. However, in the interests of coherent representation I ask that you contemplate including this change within the final map sent to the legislature. I appreciate the work you all have done and I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request.

Thank you.

Best,

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