

Please accept this letter as my opposition to the current plan for county legislature redistricting in the City of Watervliet.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns on this matter. I am a lifelong resident of the City and a resident of 25th Street in the north end of the City for all of my adult life. The most recent plan calls for Watervliet losing a representative on the Legislature and this is very troubling to me. While our city has diversified over the years, we did so without any loss of population. We still have ethnic neighborhoods, including the area that I live in, and our needs are similar to the other river communities. The first draft of the maps reflected the similar neighborhoods, including the north end of Watervliet and the hamlet of Maplewood very well. Consideration should be given to how it was drawn in that first draft. As it is now, splitting those neighborhoods of interest as well as a reduction in representation from 3 to 2 overall is a disservice to our residents.

Again, I'm voicing my objection to this plan and respectfully ask that you consider these changes for the best interests of the residents of Watervliet.

Thank you for your time.
Timothy C.