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Steuben County Supreme & County Court
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

To the Honorable Judge Patrick F. McAllister,

I am writing today to express my serious concerns over the newly drafted Congressional maps and how they pertain to the City of Kingston, New York. Just this past Friday, our City celebrated 150 years of bringing two villages together to form our City, and now just a few days later, our community is literally being oddly split through this redistricting process. One small city that is less than 7 square miles should not be separated into multiple congressional election districts, especially when we are only talking about 7,000 residents. When a city is carved up in such a way, representation is muddled and under-represented voices can be marginalized even more, or worse disappear.

These changes will be incredibly confusing for voters, as these new districts do not align with local political boundaries or even geographical landmarks. These maps also add more obstacles and difficulties for our local Board of Elections to manage during our election cycles. I would propose that all of the City of Kingston be added to NY 18 and changes be made to the NY 19 district to allow for that.

I hope that you will strongly consider that the City remain whole in any congressional redistributing because, in their current form, these lines are not best suited to equitably serve the people of the City of Kingston.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor