

Statement to be submitted to the March 8, 2022, meeting of the Albany County Redistricting Commission:

I am from the City of Watervliet, which is 1.4 square miles in land area. We have a population of roughly 10,000 residents. Yet, despite our small geographic and demographic size, Watervliet is currently split up into three different county districts (Districts 14, 15, and 16) -- represented, of course, by three different county legislators (McLean, Beston, and Ward). I would say that, with one mayor, two council people, and a very small budget, the City of Watervliet represents a 'community of interest.'

The current three-way split of Watervliet makes it very difficult for the residents of our city to collaborate in advocating for our community when communicating with our Albany County legislators. Please put Watervliet in a single district when drawing the new district maps!

Thank you,

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