Exhibit 2

Leadership towards Empowerment through Education and Participation

Working in Collaboration with:

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Leadership towards Empowerment through Education and Participation – Huntington Chapter

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Hon. Michael Nozzolio
and Hon. John McEneny
Co-Chairs
NYS Legislative Task Force on
Demographic Research and Reapportionment
250 Broadway - Suite 2100
New York, NY 10007

Re: Common Cause Maps/Redistricting in the 2nd Congressional District

Dear Chairmen Nozzolio and McEneny,

Today, I write to you as not only a resident of the 2nd Congressional District, but as a community activist and on behalf of the scores of civic groups LEEP is privileged to work with. My family and I have lived in the towns of Central Islip, Brentwood and Bay Shore for more than 50 years, and have enjoyed the different dynamics that make the areas so unique. One of the most notable attributes is how closely residents in Central Islip and the surrounding minority-majority communities interact and have become closely intertwined with our local elected officials.

For this reason I write to you regarding the Common Cause maps that were recently released on the Newsday site. I would like to voice my concerns, which reflect the same concerns of those residents who live in my community. When just looking at the geographic aspects of the division it seems like a fair representation of Long Island, however, there is much more than geography to

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consider. According to these recently released maps, the minority communities of Brentwood, Central Islip, and other communities on the south shore like Wyandanch and North Amityville will be taken away from Congressman Israel who we have grown to respect and admire, and he has developed a strong understanding of what makes our communities unique. According to these maps, Congressman King would become our new Congressional representative, and while acquiring us, will retain the more affluent areas that he continues to represent like Massapequa, Babylon Village, and East Islip.

By definition, the tri-hamlets of Brentwood, Central Islip and Bay Shore are physically connected and are "community of interest" as we share characteristics unique to us including socio-economic status, race, culture, language, religion, occupation, transportation patterns, different crime statistics, family structures, population age, housing patterns, shopping patterns and origin among other factors.

Not only will Congressman King be strained to provide the best support for two entirely different groups of people, but by taking us out of Congressman Israel's district which will still encompass the largely minority community of Huntington Station, you are diminishing our efforts to be heard, and diluting our voice in the Federal Government which is already weak as it is.

While I commend Common Cause for attempting to divide the districts on Long Island as evenly as possible, I would request that you take a closer look at the demographics of Long Island, and how the minority community will be affected when establishing new districts that will remain in place for the next decade.

Sincerely,

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