

Comment on U.S. Magistrate Judge Roanne L. Mann's Report and Recommendation and Proposed Redistricting Map for the congressional districts of New York State

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All attempts to create geographic subdivisions based on population characteristics will require compromise in some of the subdivision's desired attributes. On the whole, I believe Magistrate Mann's proposed redistricting map strikes a good balance among these attributes for the Upstate New York districts. The districts I am considering include Districts 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27. These include a compact geography, historical regional affinity within a region, balance between urban centers and surrounding associated region of influence, maintaining the integrity of political subdivisions – primarily counties, and similar geography within the district.

With respect to Upstate NY Congressional Districts I would like to see this map adopted. Thank you for your efforts to develop a rational redistricting map, Magistrate Mann, and I apologize for the inability of our State's legislative branch to fulfill their responsibility.

Respectful regards,

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