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**District Judge Dora L. Irizarry
Circuit Judge Reena Raggi
Circuit Judge Gerard E. Lynch
United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201**

Re: Favors et al. v. Cuomo et al., No. 11-cv-5632

Dear Judges Irizarry, Raggi, and Lynch:

I have been a resident of the Carroll Gardens/Gowanus area for over twenty years. I am also a former member of Community Board Six in Brooklyn and served on the Waterfront and Economic Development Committee. The piers numbered 1-9B up to Hamilton Ave/ Brooklyn Battery Tunnel have been a focus of CB 6 and have been a historically vital part of Carroll Gardens and the Columbia Waterfront community as the shipping industry provided jobs for many longshoresman who lived in the Carroll Gardens area.

Today, these piers continue to provide jobs and remain a vital part of the City's commerce. Currently, they are located within Congressional District 12 and are also located within the 52nd Assembly District and Community Board Six. The proposed plan by Judge Mann places these piers in District X, a district that does not have as active ties to the adjacent community as the current 12th District has. The neighborhood contiguous to the piers (Columbia Waterfront District) is growing and the residents need a liaison to foster dialogue between the shipping terminals and the residents. regarding various quality of life issues.

Piers 1- 9B should remain contiguous with the adjoining neighborhoods and be placed into the recommended Congressional District 7.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia P. Simmons