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Member of Congress

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Magistrate Judge Roanne L. Mann
U.S. District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: *Favors v. Cuomo*

Dear Magistrate Mann:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to please the Court with submissions, testimony and an explanation for a proposed mapping configuration of the existing NY-11th Congressional District. The Court has ensued in this cumbersome undertaking with efficiency and effectiveness. It is reassuring to know that by March 20, 2012 congressional district lines for the State of New York will be finalized and known.

I respectfully submit that the new Congressional District 9 of this Honorable Court's Recommended map, as indicated in the Court's Report and Recommendation, dated March 12, 2012 preserves the core of the existing 11th Congressional district and maintains communities of interest by keeping relevant populations whole and together to ensure that their voting power is not diluted. Keeping these communities together will ensure that these populations have a full and fair opportunity to elect candidates of their choice.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Yvette D. Clarke

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