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Good day

Redistricting is more than a state, or city issue. It is a local issue. Local representatives have so much to balance and issues to tackle. The best thing is to have a district that is homogeneous. This allows for better use of resources. Coming from the Bergen beach, mill basin area, I can say the last round redistricting really changed the neighborhood. I don't want to see this happen to Staten Island. The people here are different needs and ideas than those on Manhattan or Brooklyn. The ecosystem is different. The infrastructure is different. And the goals and ideals of the people are different. Staten Island likes its small town feel, it's part of the charm.

I hope this helps with future redistricting maps.

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