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MORRIS HEIGHTS HEALTH CENTER

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Dear Members of the NYC Districting Commission,

My name is Mari G. Millet and I am the President & CEO of MHHC Brooklyn located at 1095 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn New York and I am writing with concerns regarding the recently released maps for Council District 45, in which borders East Flatbush and Remsen Village. MHHC's new health center on Flatbush Avenue is the only medical center in that immediate area. Over the past 20 years, I have worked as a Senior Leader Administrator in healthcare and I have seen how important having culturally competent presence and healthcare is in the area. Council District 45 has been a major resource for our institution because we serve a large portion of predominantly Caribbean-immigrant patients from Flatbush and East Flatbush.

Over the course of the pandemic, I've seen firsthand how a lack of health care institutions in the Southern Brooklyn area has caused health disparities and even increased mortality in our community. The map submitted by Councilmember Farah Louis, includes provisions for expanding her district closer to Brookdale Medical Center and more health care institutions to increase options in the district, solidifying her commitment to bring increased access to the vulnerable populations who rely on affordable healthcare for their families. Without these expansions, our area will not have the opportunity for emergency and health care services because it will increase the overburden of clients coming to hospitals such as mine.

I hope you all take the time to reconsider the disparities represented on the preliminary map and restore the East Flatbush and Remsen Village Neighborhoods back into Council District 45 and have them remain the new district lines and expand the district further northeast into East Flatbush, Remsen Village and Canarsie. Enclosed is a map by Council Member Louis that includes our communities' preferred proposed map and new areas that will expand health care access to Black and Brown residents in Council District 45.

Sincerely,

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