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Dear New York City Redistricting Commission,

The Yemeni American Merchants Association's mission is to educate and elevate Yemeni American merchants and their families through education, civil rights advocacy, business, and social service support. Based in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, we seek to advance policies that support New York City's estimated 6,000 Yemeni American business owners and their families.

Our community has seen the redistricting maps for Bay Ridge and we are worried that the Yemeni and Arab votes are being split. Currently, our communities are mostly in District 43, and have been very happy being represented by one city council representative. Now, we will primarily be in District 38, with the rest of our community in District 47 and 43. This seriously fragments our vote. It will reshuffle the representation in the area, and limit our voting power. Please reconsider returning Bay Ridge to District 43.

Sincerely,

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