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Dr. Jonathan Cervas
Special Master
c/o State Supreme Court Justice Patrick McCallister
NY – 7th Judicial District

Dr. Cervas:

We are a group of theatre professionals from the West Side of Manhattan writing in support of the state senate districts as enacted by the Legislature. The West Side, from the Village to Lincoln Center, has long been a hub for both visual and performing arts in New York City. What would have become the 30th senatorial district under the lines enacted by the legislature consolidated this arts hub into a single, unified West Side district that would have been beneficial in our efforts to advocate for public investment in the arts and arts education.

The proposed 30th senate district would have contained many significant visual and performing arts institutions, such as:

- The Metropolitan Museum of Art
- NYU Tisch School of the Arts
- Children's Museum of the Arts
- The Rubin Museum of Art
- Whitney Museum of American Art
- New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture
- Parsons School of Design
- Café Wha?
- The Bitter End
- The Comedy Cellar
- Dozens of art galleries in Chelsea
- Broadway theaters
- Circle in the Square Theater School
- Birdland Jazz Club
- Irish Arts Center
- Lincoln Center
- The Julliard School
- Delacorte Theatre, home to Shakespeare in the Park

Not only do many artists in New York work at these historic venues, but a significant portion of them also live on the West Side in the proposed 30th senate district. By keeping these venues and residential neighborhoods united, the proposed map maximizes the voice of the New York arts and theater community in state government.

Thank you in advance for considering our letter.

Sincerely,

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