

**NEW YORK STATE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

September 14, 2020

Robert F. Mujica Jr.  
Director  
New York State Division of the Budget  
The Capitol  
Albany, New York

Dear Director Mujica:

We write as the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission, which was duly appointed this past February under the State Constitution. While the Legislature allocated a total of \$1 million to commence its critical work, for reasons not clear to us, the money has not been released.

We cannot ignore the important constitutional obligations that this Commission is required to perform, and the short time that we have to perform them. Thus, we respectfully request that the Commission's legislative appropriation immediately be released, so that we may fulfill our constitutional duties. As you know, the State Constitution mandates this funding, and does not contemplate an indefinite delay before releasing it.

We are committed to completing the many tasks before us, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission

Eugene Benger   John Flatau   Elaine Frazier   David Imamura   Jack Martins   Charles  
Nesbit   George Winner   Keith Wofford

cc: Senate and Assembly Majority and Minority Leadership