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October 27: North Country Public Hearing

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The following material consists of themes and key points raised during the public hearings planned by the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission after the release of their preliminary maps. It also provides a list of organizations from each region that were identified and the communities of concern that were raised.

Access the NYS Independent Redistricting website [here](#). Watch or listen to all sessions [here](#).

North Country Hearing Key Takeaways: The North country public hearing took place on October 27, 2021, and only a few testifiers. There were concerns raised about keeping rural communities together and the removal of Republican districts. However, the commission did not take incumbency into account when drawing preliminary maps.

Organizations Named:

- None

Communities of Concern and Specific Issues:

- Herkimer: should not be cut into two when drawing districts
- Senate District 45: concern over making the district more up and down I-87 or moving it north and westward into St. Lawrence and North Jefferson County as there are communities of interest
 - The western region has more in common with each other and less in common with Warren County and Washington County

You can view the specific hearing for the North Country [here](#).