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**Groups Criticize the Independent Redistricting
Commission’s Failure to Approve a Single Set of Maps**

The League of Women Voters, Citizens Union, and Reinvent Albany have submitted a letter to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission criticizing the Commission for failing to approve a single set of redistricting maps for submission to the Legislature. The League previously encouraged the Commission to release a single set of maps on November 23 in a joint letter with Citizens Union, Reinvent Albany, Common Cause New York, and NYPIRG.

“The intended purpose of the IRC was to create an alternative to having district maps drawn by an incumbent, partisan legislature,” stated Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of New York State. “Thousands of New Yorkers have participated in the redistricting process, and they deserve a result that respects the State Constitutional amendment adopted by voters in 2014. The failure of the Commission to collaborate on and approve a single set of maps constitutes an abdication of the Commission’s responsibilities, confuses the redistricting process and places the interests of New York State voters in fair representation at risk.”