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**Re: Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 - Creating an Independent and Impartial Citizens Redistricting Commission**

The undersigned are Members of Bethlehem City Council, a Third Class City situate within Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

The residents of the City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair; fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the drawing of boundaries for the state Legislature and United States Congress following the 2020 decennial census.

Bethlehem City Council supports the legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission.

The undersigned, recognizing the importance of the creation of an independent citizens redistricting commission, devoid of the political motivation of partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process, respectfully urge and encourage all elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the residents of the City of Bethlehem to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work together towards passage of such legislative efforts.

Sincerely,

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