

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3204**

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Jeff T. Behler  
New York Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau  
32 Old Slip, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10005

Dear Regional Director Behler:

I would like to bring to your attention an issue of concern to me and to many of my constituents in New York's fourth congressional district.

Our Long Island district is home to many diverse communities, each with its own unique character, history and identity. One of these is the hamlet of Uniondale, which includes a three-square-mile area that has been designated as "East Garden City" by the U.S. Census Bureau since 2000.

We do not know how or why it was decided that this area, which has historically been part of the Uniondale community, should become its own census-designated place under a different name, but many residents and community leaders are concerned, as I am, that this designation undermines the identity of the larger Uniondale community. We are concerned that this designation divides a community that should remain whole.

U.S. Census Bureau officials have said that the designation could be changed through local input before the 2020 census. **Thus, I would like to invite you or a representative from your office to attend a meeting with Uniondale residents, community leaders, clergy, local government and school district officials and all relevant stakeholders** so that we can have a productive conversation and work together to devise a plan for moving forward.

Please contact my office at your convenience to discuss when we could schedule this meeting, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further. I thank you for your time and consideration, and look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



KATHLEEN M. RICE  
Member of Congress