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This letter is in support of fair Congressional districts that enable the voters to choose the person they want to represent them. Prior to 2019 for ten years CD 7 was represented by Leonard Lance who was all but assured reelection due to gerrymandering. He seemed more concerned with catering to his donor corporations than serving the district's residents and never did town halls or visited the district, rarely bothered replying to constituents' political concerns and never took them into account when voting, always doing the bidding of his corporate donors.

Finally in 2018 constituents had had enough and began to advocate for a Congressional representative who would LISTEN to the people, ADDRESS their concerns, and SUPPORT legislation that was in their best interests, not the donors'. Only then did Lance start holding town halls. Yet he continued voting for the benefit of corporate donors, even when it was against the wishes of his constituents and detrimental to their needs and interests.

So in 2018, after ten years, the citizens of CD 7 elected Tom Malinowski despite the district being gerrymandered. Our current representative is completely focused on our needs. He frequently visits towns throughout the district, comes to public events, holds in-person and online town halls, responds to our concerns, and tries to take everyone's views into consideration when voting. Because of his representation we reelected Tom in 2020, in a district gerrymandered against his reelection.

The political climate has changed in many places in the State, including in CD 7. As you redistrict, please ensure the districts are FAIR, so representatives are chosen by the voters and truly represent them. Thank you.

CORRECTION SUBMITTED ON 12/1/2021:

Yesterday I submitted a letter to the editor of TapIn to and an email to the NJ Redistricting Commission which I would like to correct. I stated that when in office Leonard Lance never held town halls or visited the towns in his district until before the 2018 election. Mr. Lance called me this morning to inform me that he in fact conducted 50 in-person and phone town halls and did visit throughout the district. We had a lengthy discussion about many current political topics, and while we may disagree on some of them, I have always without exception found Mr. Lance to be a man of integrity and civility, qualities sorely lacking in many current members of Congress.

I believe in correcting my mistakes and giving credit where due to Mr. Lance. My apologies for incorrectly stating his record.

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