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Please see attached letter from our Chairman, Pat Norris!

Thanks,

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Executive Secretary



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October 22, 2021

Hon. Sharon Hewitt, Chairman
Senate Governmental Affairs Committee

Hon. John Stefanski, Chairman
House & Governmental Affairs Committee
P.O. Box 94183
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Dear Honorable Chairman,

The comments included in this communication are in relation to the upcoming redistricting process for the State of Louisiana and more specifically to Louisiana Senate District 22.

Senate District 22 currently includes all of St. Martin Parish, the majority of Iberia Parish and small sections of St. Landry and St. Mary parishes. As (residents/business owners/government leaders) in (Iberia/St. Martin parishes), we would respectfully request your consideration in maintaining and even improving the geographic reach of this district.

According to the Census 2020 data included on the Legislative website, Iberia Parish population is 69,929 and St. Martin Parish is 51,767. Totaling 121,696 people, it is our opinion that we already make up a potential Senate district within our respective parish boundaries. Our respective major demographic data also closely mirror each other, with Iberia having a 56%/35%/6% White/Black/Hispanic ratio and St. Martin having a 64%/31%/5% White/Black/Hispanic ratio. It is also worth noting that Acadiana's only minority House district also spans both Iberia and St. Martin parishes.

For the past 57 years, Iberia and St. Martin parishes have represented the vast majority of this District. Understanding our business environment, our educational systems, our agricultural likeness and deep French/Acadian culture is our primary reason for addressing this correspondence to you. Diluting this district with population from bordering parishes also diminishes greatly our ability to keep this half century relationship as close as possible to its historical demography. Our area has prospered through this partnership with our local elected leaders collaborating on numerous drainage, transportation and agricultural efforts. We see no benefit to separating or diminishing either parishes' population in the district. Our similarities are numerous and we would like to continue seeing both parishes flourish through the important representation in the Louisiana Senate.

(I/we) have met with our Legislative delegation and made our concerns and requests known. We ask that as you proceed through this process that every effort be given to maintain the current identity of Senate District 22.

Best to both of you as you navigate this most important process for our State. We trust you hold the best interest of our respective regions as you put forth your proposals.

Sincerely,

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