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**Subject:** You were right.

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Dear Representative LaCombe,

You were right.

I was watching the committee meeting for House and Governmental Affairs relative to the BESE redistricting bills and you were 100% correct in calling out the public for our lack of commentary and communication on this matter. To be honest, the members of the public with a voice are battling fires in nearly every direction it seems. I personally had planned to be at that meeting, but due to scheduling confusion on my part, I missed it. I'm sorry.

Now, I don't know much of anything about redistricting or population data. I go cross-eyed trying to decipher the graphs of percentages and demographics. My brain hurts attempting to make sense of the precinct numbers and proposed bill language.

HOWEVER, when I notice that certain special interest groups that have been moving across the nation with certain messages and agendas start circling their wagons around Louisiana Education, alarm bells go off very loudly for me. You see, we mamas here in Louisiana are fiercely protective of our babies and very recently we've started to roar a little louder than in the past. Take for instance the Social Studies Standards. I'm sure if you speak with State Superintendent Dr. Cade Brumley he will tell you that we've sent a clear message about some topics being suggested for implementation in Louisiana education.

Though I may not comprehend the data charts completely, I can see there is a clear difference in the maps associated with redistricting proposals. One in particular looks "normal", or at least the most similar to what we currently have in place. HB3 proposes slight changes in light of slight population shifts. This seems sensible to me.

The other maps, however, are down-right silly looking. I don't understand how it makes any sense to have singular districts spanning across the entire top portion of the state and simultaneously splitting another district in half. (See NAACP plans 1 & 2 and HB6 - Jefferson)  
I would love to know what the local school boards think of this.

Rep. Thomas also took special care in HB3 with regards to how school districts function as she stated in her

presentation and offered a plan that kept the most parishes intact out of all plans up for consideration.

Now, I don't have the deep pockets of the NAACP. I don't have a plethora of attorneys like the ACLU. What I do have, which I would argue are significantly more valuable, are two young children in Louisiana schools with a great number of years of schooling ahead of them. I care very deeply about the quality of their education. The organizations listed above along with many others sponsoring the proposed NAACP redistricting plans espouse extreme views contrary to the views held by the majority of the Louisiana population, myself included.

I am humbly asking that you vote yes on HB3 presented by Rep. Thomas and no for the others.

I appreciate your comments to the public and will personally use them as a reminder to stay diligent in my efforts to protect my children's education.

Sincerely,  
Tori Hymel - District 6  
Mama of two  
#DontCaliforniaMyLouisiana