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University Testimony

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Hello, my name is Jayden Hartley, and I attend the illustrious Dillard University. As a young person in Louisiana, I urge you to draw fair and equitable district lines across our state as these decisions will impact me into my 30's. I am here to address the redistricting and gerrymandering policies of the state of Louisiana and how legislators abuse their power to disenfranchise voters. Minorities have a reputation of being socially and economically depressed, which leads to them being misrepresented in the legislative process have witnessed such Atrocities by canvassing in my local area. Specifically, Orleans parish would be impacted by bills like SB1. The voting power of minority communities is diluted when communities of interest become scattered in Louisiana. As a resident of the New Orleans area, I am here testifying for myself as well as the community members who are excluded from the legislative process that is determining how the Louisiana population will live in the next ten years. Thank you! Now and in the next few years, my peers and I will be deciding what we want to study, where we want to live, and the kind of work that we want to do. All of these pieces of our experience will, in some way, be impacted by the redistricting process. Our voices are necessary during the redistricting process as they will affect us well into adulthood. Redistricting is a glimpse into the future and the past. It shows us the inequities of times before and legislators' priorities and communities moving forward. Will you prioritize young people's futures by drawing fair and equitable maps representing demographic and population changes across Louisiana?

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