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Hello I've been a resident of New Orleans and Louisiana my entire life. I urge you to draw fair and equitable district lines across our based on clear evidence that more minority districts can be formed in a compact and contiguous way. There is no reason for Louisiana to be packed and cracked into demonstrably Gerrymandered districts . To fairly represent the State of Louisiana, there must be additional Majority Minority congressional districts added. New Orleans is a historically and majority Black city with additional "minority" representation from Vietnamese, Honduran, and Middle Eastern communities. Surrounding parishes are showing similar increases in minority representation, making it high time for the Greater New Orleans area and surrounding parishes to be redrawn to allow for a lawful reflection of our dramatically changed demographics.