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Redistricting Legislation Info and Meetings Notifications

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Describe the Nature of Your Message	GENERAL
Type your message here	Dear House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, Today, we call upon your committee to create a second majority-minority district in the new maps, to more fairly represent our communities and the people that they serve. Louisiana has experienced significant population shifts over the past decade. As such, Census data tells us that our districts are currently malapportioned. We note the following: -The share of Black representation has increased in multiple parishes since the 2010 Census -Although Louisiana's population is about one-third Black, only one of our congressional seats is a majority-minority district -The existing packing and cracking across both state and local maps have contributed to decades of voter disenfranchisement -Almost all our maps require substantial changes to be legally adequate This is an opportunity to address some existing problems and to re-draw our state and

congressional districts in such a way that Louisiana's population is fairly and equitably represented.

We believe the makeup of our district leadership should reflect the demographics of the population, something that can only be achieved by ensuring that our minority communities are fairly represented.

Please make their voices heard and their votes count!

Thank you for your participation on these committees and for your dedication to the redistricting process and to the people of Louisiana. We know that making fair and equitable maps is a challenging undertaking, and we encourage you to strongly consider competitiveness and racial proportionality when drawing all the new district maps.

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