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Hello, my name is Naomi Baskins and I attend 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. 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 it will impact us well into our adulthood. Redistricting is a glimpse into the future and into the past. It shows us the inequities of times before, and the priorities of legislators and communities moving forward. Will you prioritize the futures of young people by drawing fair and equitable maps that represent demographic and population changes across Louisiana?