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Hello, my name is Windy Dycalahan and I've been a resident of North Louisiana for many years. I pay attention to the people that I vote for to represent me in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Baton Rouge and Washington DC.Their voting record and the things that they do while representing me. I understand that with growth comes change, but what kind of change? In a state where ⅓ of the population is Black, and there increasing populations of people of color, we must draw districts that reflect our population and give all communities the opportunity to elect people that will represent their interests. Shreveport has a population of 182,616, 57.09% Black, but our Congressional delegation does not reflect this because lines have been drawn to dilute Black voter power. There have been 7 possible maps that reflect ways that this area could be competitive and make it more likely that the community can elect candidates of choice to lead and represent this state. It is possible to NOT draw maps that uphold vestiges of Jim Crow and white supremacy. We ask that you use your power to draw maps that reduce the efficiency gap, create competitive districts, and stop packing and cracking minority communities.