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Good Morning,

I have attached my written testimony.

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Good Evening,

My Name is Hanna Gamble, and I am a Shreveport native and Nola transplant. I moved here for college thirteen years ago, and I instantly knew that this place would always be my home. This city and more importantly, my neighborhood, the Riverbend, taught me about diversity, culture, and love. I have never felt more accepted or alive than when I was parading with my Krewe at Mid-Summer Mardi Gras, or simply joining a second line rolling down the street. This city is magic, and it is essential that we have fairly drawn district maps to ensure that the minorities who embody this soulful culture, and magic have a fighting chance at equal representation in Congress and the Senate.

My home is currently in Congressional District 2, which is 58% Black. If the proposed redistricting maps pass my home would become a part of Congressional District 1 or 6, which are anywhere between 60-70% white in all of the proposed plans. This proposed change would hurt my community immeasurably. Diluting minority voting power by placing it in a predominantly white district basically guarantees that these minorities will never be able to elect an official of their choice.

As a white woman, I will never know what it is really like to live while being Black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, or any other minority. As a white legislator, it is not possible for you to have these lived or shared experiences as person of color either. Fairly drawn districts create space for minorities to elect officials that can understand and empathize with their shared existence based on experience. In America there are two worlds: One for white people, where statements like "innocent until proven guilty" hold weight, and one for black people and other minorities where the opposite is the reality "guilty until proven innocent". Let's not continue to stack the deck against our brothers and sisters by creating yet another hurdle for them to climb on the way to equality. Representation matters. Pass fair maps now.