
From: Harold John [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 1:34 PM
To: House & Governmental Affairs
Subject: Redistricting

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please do not click on links or attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Thanks and I appreciate your time and attention. My name is Harold John and I sit on the Executive Board of several organizations.

The State Assn. of Letter Carriers
The Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO, and
The Community Org. Step Up Louisiana.

I want to focus on terminology rather than statistics and numbers.

Redistricting

Gerrymandering (Packing and Cracking)

Reapportionment

The Decennial Census

Population Growth

The 14th Amendment and guaranteed "equality" of Voting Power

Fair and Equal

The Electoral College, and

The Filibuster

Rather than focusing on these issues, we focus on:

Abortion and The Second Amendment

State's Rights (Only when convenient)

Identity Politics

Critical Race Theory

Neoliberal, Neocon, Neo Nazi

Special interests and Lobbyists

Liberal, Conservative, and Progressive

Democrat, Republican, and Independent.

All that most of us want is Fairness and an Equal Opportunity, which does not guarantee an equal outcome.

Even if we get Equal and Fair Districts, it doesn't guarantee us that the individuals we elect to represent us will represent the People's interests, rather than their own interests or Special interests.

We shouldn't have to have a Redistricting Roadshow, if our Representatives were going to accurately reflect Population changes according to the Decennial Census. Do we want a say in the process? Absolutely positively.

Do most people feel like we can make a difference? Unfortunately, I don't think so. It has become increasingly more difficult to place our trust in State Reps, State Senators, Congressmen, and US Senators. Our faith in the Executive and Judicial Branches have waned also. Do the current Districts accurately reflect their constituents, and will our future Districts accurately do so? No they don't, but that is our hope in this entire process.

Poor people have long voted against their own interests, and the politics of fear, misinformation, and disinformation have worked to assure that they continue to do so. Let's set up Districts that don't dilute Voter strength, but rather increase Voter representation and therefore participation. If I feel like my vote counts, I'll be more likely and more anxious to exercise that Right.

As soon as we get close to Fair and Equal, the goal posts are moved. Let's end Taxation without Fair Representation. Let's end Representation based on how much I donate to your campaign or your favorite

charity. It is unfortunate in this Country, that those who pay the least amount of taxes are represented at a much higher rate than those who pay their fair share, and are usually represented at a much lower rate.

The Second Congressional District, as well as all of the others do not accurately reflect their constituents. The Second Congressional District is a perfect example of Gerrymandering. The people in the River Parishes, (Cancer Alley), deserve to have a say in their District as well as their environment. We currently have Representatives in the House and Senate that won't even vote to pass a Continuing Resolution to keep the Federal Government running, to certify elections, or to help us Build Back Better.

Let's get this Right, so that we don't get Left behind. Let's get this Right, so that we don't get Left behind.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Harold John



Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android