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Dear Senate Chair, Sharon Hewitt; House Chair, John Stefanski, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. My name is Janith Lockwood and I have lived in New Orleans for 54 years. I am a constituent of United States Representative Troy Carter in Congressional District 2. I am a retired school teacher, homeowner, widow, mother, and grandmother. I also volunteer on a regular basis in my community at Lakeview Civic Improvement Association, and attend many neighborhood events.

Based upon the recent Census and the very small change in our state's population I believe our Congressional district boundaries need minor adjustments, not major changes. Please keep the boundaries as they are. They were already approved by the Obama Justice Department as being compliant with voter representation guidelines. Boundaries are to be redrawn only if the Census shows a greater than 5% change. Only two out of six districts meet that criteria, and they are only slightly greater than 5% - the population in District 6 increased by only 5.2% and District 4 decreased by just 6.2%

Gerrymandering based upon race was declared illegal by the Supreme Court in their 1993 decision, Shaw vs Reno. Gerrymandering also hurts voter confidence at a time when voter confidence is at an all-time low. The Cook Partisan Voting Index (CPVI) shows that our districts already are extremely balanced according to party. There is only 14-25% more Republicans or Democrats in each of the six districts, not a huge difference. Please keep our boundaries intact. It is fair to all voting groups, and it follows the laws of redistricting.

Thank you,

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