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Dear LA Redistricting Committee:

Please consider the following in present deliberation---

1) ACCESSIBILITY In creating district boundaries for state and federal representation within Louisiana, please make these districts as geographically compact as possible, so that the citizens in those districts can be efficiently reached and responded to by those officials, and the officials able to be reached in turn by constituents.

The present boundaries make such representation burdensome for too many districts. The burden on both representatives and citizens is too great in too many state representative and senate districts, and for U.S. House districts too

Please make the maps to a standard of ACCESSiBILITY for both citizens and elected officials.

2) MINORITY REPRESENTATION. Blacks make up about a third of population in our state and there is push for a second minority majority district to give more equity to black voters. Given is an the extremely spread-out 2nd Congressional District. I wish the LA Second Congressional District were not so extreme in its geography, that seems almost impossible to reach for the representative and constituents too.

Please make it possible for more accessible minority representation, where the geography is more compact but still representative of those living there. That is to say the black population should be represented but not artificially concentrated and forced arbitrarily into one single spread-out and difficult-to-represent district. Every district should be manageable and accessible within itself and for its inhabitants. If accessibility were the statewide standard it seems likely that more voter equity for minorities would emerge rather than as a balancing afterthought of a potentially inequitable political process.

I ask you to consider a second minority majority U S House district, given the state demographics, and need for accessibility with more representable geographic shape.

Please consider equity and balance as well as accessibility in formation of all representative districts.

3) HISTORIC DISTRICTS. Please consider unique needs of urban historic neighborhoods in making boundaries for state and federal representation, as the needs of these areas demand special attention and advocacy that should not be impractically diluted among various representatives. So it would be effective and prudent for these districts to be represented as a whole given their importance to our state.

Please consider grouping historic neighborhoods together for representation by state house and senate district.

Thank you for consideration.

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