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Dear Members of the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee,

As your committee redistricts Louisiana's congressional districts, I ask you to keep in the mind the following statistics from the November 3, 2020 primary election:

- 36.9% of the people voting were minorities
- 40.8% were Democrats
- 16.7% of Louisiana's congressional seats were won by minority/Democratic voters
- 83.3% of Louisiana's congressional seats were won by
- white Republicans.

In 2010, Louisiana's 2nd congressional district was "gerrymandered" to pack a large percentage of Black and Democratic voters into one district. This is shown in the voting statistics provided by the Louisiana Secretary of State's office:

District	% White	% Black	% Other voters
1 st	78.8	12.5	8.7
2^{nd}	31.2	61.0	7.9
3^{rd}	71.6	24.1	4.5
4 th	62.0	33.6	4.5

5 th	63.7	33.3	2.9
6 th	71.2	23.5	5.3

This data reveals that a disproportionately large percentage (61.0%) of Black voters are in the 2^{nd} district and a disproportionately small percentage of Black voters are in the adjoining 1^{st} district (12.5%) and 6^{th} district (23.5%),

Packing Black and Democratic voters into the 2nd congressional district means they have one "assured" congressional seat, but makes it very unlikely that they have a chance to elect a second.

Louisiana needs <u>two competitive congressional districts</u> to fairly represent minorities (36.9% of voters) and Democrats (40.8% of voters). When you draw the new congressional districts, I ask that you try to achieve this goal.

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