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Submitting for the Tuesday, January 4th deadline:

Good Day:

As an informed Louisiana resident/constituent I am keenly aware of the varied demographic makeup of our state. With this in mind, it is not merely important but essential that **the upcoming (re)districting of voters in our state should be fair, equitable, and give voice to all citizens. We must ensure that a proportional voice is given to minority/geographic communities.**

Based on the current population data:

- With 40 percent of Louisiana's population a minority, an equitable result is a **minority Congress person be elected in at least 2 of the 6 Louisiana districts;**
- With the increase of 40,000 in the population of the City of New Orleans since 2010, this shows **there should be a new State House seat in the city;**
- With over a third of the population of Jefferson Parish being comprised of **Black, Latino and Other non-whites, these citizens should also be given a voice by having a Congressional seat.**
- **Supreme Court Districts should be configured to give voice to minority citizens** never proportionately represented.

We must **do what is right for the citizens of our state** to prove that what we claim is true in the United States of America - **the right to cast our vote and truly be heard** - will be reflected in how Louisiana chooses to (re)district our voting framework.

It matters!

Thank you
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Life lived for tomorrow will always be just a day away from being realized. *Leo Buscaglia*

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