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Dear Chairman Stefanski, Chairwoman Hewitt, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Anne Wilby Schreiber, born in New Orleans, raised overseas and in Texas and a resident of the city since 1988. I am a constituent of U. S. Representative Troy Carter in Congressional District 2. I have devoted my life's career to education and have been a teacher, a reading specialist, an administrator, and ran a private practice over the last 30 years working in both public and private schools. I am a homeowner, a widow now, a mother and grandmother. I also volunteer on a regular basis in my community in the schools, in homeless shelters and through outreach programs in my church.

Based on 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 5% change. Only two out of six districts meet that criteria, and they each are only slightly over 5%. The population in District 6 increased by only 5.2% and District 4 decreased by just 6.2%.

Gerrymandering based on 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 are already extremely balanced by party. There is only a 14-25% difference between the number of Republicans and Democrats in each of the six districts, not a huge difference. Please keep our boundaries intact. This is fair to all voting groups (which is the goal) and our current boundaries follow the law of redistricting.

Thank you

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