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Greetings. I am a 65 year old white woman and want to share my thoughts regarding the development of a re-districting plan. This morning I prayed that you would consider my thoughts with an open mind. I also prayed that you would uphold your oath to *faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all of your duties* as a Legislator as you go through the process of re-districting.

I am clear what is necessary for you to do in order to uphold your oath. Uphold a core component of democracy - one person, one vote. Districts should be fair and give a proportional voice to minority and geographical communities of interest. This means that all people's votes are counted in a way that does not dilute the weighing of their vote. It means that people can actually have a say-so over who their representative is. Minorities would have a chance at fair representation.

40% of the population of LA is composed of minority populations. Therefore, in 2 of 6 Congressional Districts it should be possible to elect a minority Representative. The City of NO gained 40,000 residents since the last re-districting plan, and a new House seat should be added to address this increase. The same principles should apply for the Supreme Court districts, and the revision of the Seats for Jeff. parish.

I'll be watching the outcome of your work. Please do the right thing, which you solemnly swore you would do.

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