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Dear Governmental Affairs Committee Members,

I am writing regarding the redistricting process in Louisiana. I am concerned that our current districts are not fair or representative.

I am especially concerned with the composition of my current Congressional district, District 1. I would like District 1 to be a competitive district so my Representative will be responsive to all citizens in the district. As the district is composed now, the Representative has to do virtually nothing to be elected and is not accountable to the citizens. He does not hold town halls or vote for things that would help our district. Changing the composition of the district would make it more competitive and force our Representative to be more responsive to citizens. Also, as a resident of Metairie, my district should be grouped with New Orleans. Metairie is much more tied to New Orleans than the Northshore of St. Tammany Parish.

In addition, I support fair and proportional districts to give minority groups more of a voice. Over 40% of Louisiana's population is minority so we should have 2 minority Congressional districts. HOWEVER, this should not be a horrible gerrymander like the current District 2. Sticking New Orleans and Baton Rouge in a district together is gerrymandering. New Orleans and Baton Rouge should be separate.

Also for State Legislative Districts, the representation of the Jefferson Parish delegation has not given voice to the numbers of minority citizens in the parish - and that number is growing. Over a third of the parish is Black, Latino, Other or some combination other than White. These citizens should be represented.

Jefferson Parish is changing and its representation should reflect this.

Thank you,
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