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Greetings,

I just this afternoon received an e-mail from Valarie Hodges inviting comment from the public into the process, the first time in my 59 years that I have been aware of any such invitation. Time doesn't allow my in-person participation, but I appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

Principally, my input would be that all congressional/legislative districts should follow county/parish lines and natural boundaries as much as possible to the end that each district should be as close to a featureless rectangle as is humanly possible. Any deviation from that is absolutely farcical in nature and unacceptable in any reasonable governmental body. For example Congressional districts 2 and 6 are utterly unacceptable and the obvious result of political shenanigans the likes of which should have politicians fearing for their lives. That sort of thing obviously done to create districts of certain political and/or racial makeup is so utterly wrong that one must almost create a new word to adequately describe how egregious a practice it is. I know the word Gerrymandering was coined to describe the practice, but it apparently hasn't sufficiently conveyed the abhorrence with which it should be treated. Having just found a map of Louisiana House districts, I am absolutely embarrassed and ashamed for anyone who thinks those lines are in any way acceptable. Do better than this so that you need not be ashamed of yourselves.

Thanks you

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