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As a born and raised Louisiana citizen, I am speaking for many when I say we want fair and equitable maps drawn for redistricting. Not only do we want districts drawn geographically to reflect populations with similar regional interests, we also do NOT want minority voices diluted. The federal government stipulates that districts must have nearly equal populations and must NOT discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or ethnicity. Racial proportionality is inequitably skewed so that communities of color lack representation. North Baton Rouge is suffering from food deserts, poverty, lack of transportation, etc. Louisiana's population is roughly 32% African-American, but only one of our six congressional seats, or about 17%, is majority-minority. We want change and we are paying attention. Our maps also lack competitiveness, with none of those six congressional seats being competitive between political parties. The lack of equal representation and competitiveness has immense ramifications for our politics, communities, economy, and society as a whole. Many communities, especially communities of color, feel their voices are being unfairly diminished or even silenced, which runs tensions even higher. No stacking, packing or cracking.

Thank you,

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