Dear Committee Member,

The Redistricting of BESE will have a huge impact on students and parents all across Louisiana. The last two years of Covid have impacted the education system immensely and these same kids are still enduring developmental and educational setbacks due to Covid mitigation procedures. During this time, parents have become more aware of what and how their child is being educated in curriculum that is not appropriate or below a standard parents would like. As we see the proponents of Critical Race Theory sweep the nation under the just of cultural diversity, inclusion, equity, and LGBT components, parents of this state are exceedingly concerned that these teachings will enter their children’s classrooms here in Louisiana. Parents of this state Do Not Want this! Rep. Jefferson’s proposed BESE redistricting map would guarantee a democratic majority minority BESE seat that will shift the board to a majority of liberal influence. This will put liberal policies and ideologies at the forefront in education and will guarantee our education system in Louisiana will move toward a trend we are seeing sweep through the nation now, CRT!

Rep. Jefferson’s maps are a clear case of gerrymandering, which is illegal! We know the NAACP has been here in Louisiana lobbying heavily to make this redistricting change that Rep. Jefferson proposes. We the people of this state demand you reject such proposals and keep our education system intact! Vote NO on HB6.

We ask that you Vote YES on HB3, as it makes the most sense. Based on recent census data, the very small changes in our state’s population only call for minor adjustments. The representation on BESE already meets the population demographics. Rep. Thomas’ map keeps clean lines and maintains previous boundaries.

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