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Statement of Kathleen Gaudet
CONGRESS / ASCENSION

From: Smiley, Rep. (District Office)
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:22 PM
To: O'Brien, Shawn
Subject: Rep M.J.--Redistricting issues

Hi Shawn,
Rep Smiley asked me to send this email to the committee to be entered into record. I will be sending another email, from Ms. Gaudet's husband, if you can enter it as well.
Please call if you have any questions.
Thank you,
Linda

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From: Kathleen Gaudet [mailto:kvgaudet@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 8:41 PM
To: Smiley, Rep. (District Office)
Subject: Rep M.J.--Redistricting issues

Dear Representative Smiley:

I am writing to advise you of my opinion regarding redistricting issues currently under consideration by the state.

As districts are redefined, please do everything within your power to assure that Ascension Parish Precinct 40 (The Greens (the Active Adult Community) at Pelican Point) be included in your district. This precinct is composed of a large percentage of mature, Republican retirees. I believe our interests would best be served by you and your conservative and strong leadership.

Beyond the issue of my desire for you to represent me in our state government, I cannot tell you how angered and distressed I am upon reviewing some of our elected officials' plans for incorporating Precinct 40 into what will become our state's "Minority Congressional District". **If this becomes reality, Precinct 40 will be represented by a Congressman who does not share my values.**

All one needs to do is observe the current Representative of a Minority District, Representative Cedric Richmond. Rep. Richmond does not represent me (or, I would dare to say, a majority of Precinct 40) in ANY CAPACITY. I neither share his political, liberal philosophical, moral or unethical values and will be badly underserved if this Precinct is shifted into a minority district.

I hope that you will use any influence you have to assure a more appropriate redistricting of Precinct 40 to provide for Congressional representation by someone who more reflects the population of this district., such as District 6's Representative Cassidy.

Thank you for considering these issues and I pray daily for your success as the state gathers to perform this daunting task.

Sincerely
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