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Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury

To be read into the record in the Senate and House Governmental Affairs Committees:

The historical and economic Gateway to Southwest Louisiana will be affected with tragic results if Jeff Davis Parish is placed in a Congressional District with Shreveport.

Jeff Davis, along with Acadia, Lafayette and Calcasieu Parishes signed an International Trade Accord to promote the I-10 Corridor to businesses wanting to invest new dollars into our region. Jeff Davis is a partner in the Southwest Louisiana Alliance that entices new businesses to locate in Jeff Davis, Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard and Allen Parishes. Jeff Davis is also a charter member of the Acadiana Regional Alliance supporting the parishes of Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia, Vermilion and Acadia with the intent of working together to capture and retain businesses.

Jeff Davis Parish is a small rural parish that depends on the larger cities of Lake Charles and Lafayette to provide corporate office space for businesses located in our parish. The manufacturing plants locate in our parish because we have available land, located on I-10 and the rail system priced to sell.

Jeff Davis Parish needs to keep our history, culture, rice, crawfish, fisheries, timber, agriculture, oil & gas, etc. along the I-10 corridor in tact and not have part of the region divided.

Our communities were clear at the hearings in Lafayette and Lake Charles. The people of our parish have spoken and they want to remain on the I-10 corridor with Calcasieu, Acadia and Lafayette Parishes.

Donald Woods  
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