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Representative James W. "Jim" Tucker
Speaker of the House
732 Behrman Highway, Suite C-2
Terrytown, LA 70056

Subject: Redistricting Southern Hills

Dear Representative Tucker:

I am writing to object to the redistricting proposal to incorporate Southern Hills into an additional minority district in Caddo Parish. I have lived in Southern Hills since 1963, and I strongly oppose the concept. Ours is a large, longstanding, cohesive community with a strong economy and a history of active civic involvement.

Based on the 2010 Census, the population of Caddo Parish does not warrant such a move. Caddo Parish is majority white and the creation of this district would leave Caddo Parish with four minority districts and not one majority white district entirely within the Parish. This does not accurately reflect the demographics of Caddo Parish and represents "gerrymandering" for political purposes.

Our Southern Hills community has little in common with other areas that would make up the majority of the proposed new district. Southern Hills is a closely knit community that has played an active role in the economic, cultural and political development of Shreveport. Inclusion of Southern Hills in a minority district would potentially rob our community of its identity.

I urge you to oppose this redistricting approach because it is neither justifiable nor fair. I ask you to do the right thing from your leadership position.

Sincerely,

Lola Kendrick
Education/Workforce Consultant

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Richard Burford, Representative District 7