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House District 81

O'Brien, Shawn

From: Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 2:44 PM
To: O'Brien, Shawn
Subject: FW: Combination of New Orleans and Metairie Districts

From: Katie Montgomery [mailto:kmontgomery0510@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 1:25 PM
To: Gallot, Rep. (District Office); Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Cc: LaBruzzo, Rep. (District Office)
Subject: Combination of New Orleans and Metairie Districts

Dear Chairman Richard "Rick" Gallot, Jr. and Speaker Jim Tucker,

Good morning. My name is Katie Montgomery and I live in Metairie, LA. I recently heard the proposal that District 81 be eliminated and combined with a diminished New Orleans district. I was informed that there were no Jefferson residents who opposed this proposal so it is now in the process of being redistricted. I would like to let it be known that I oppose this redistricting. I would prefer to be represented by a Metairie or Jefferson official. I feel that there may be a conflict of interest between what the citizens of Metairie or Jefferson Parish want and need and what the citizens of New Orleans want and need. I think it would be unfair to combine these areas because the demographics seem completely different, so the people will want different things. If one area is impoverished and the other is affluent, the citizens of the impoverished area will want their tax money spent on Item A while the citizens of the affluent area will prefer their tax dollars be spent on Item B. There will always be a conflict of interests. This is unfair, not only to the representative who will have to decide what the majority wants, but also to the citizens because one area will always win the majority, and the other will never win. Therefore, one section of citizens will never be heard. This is not how government is supposed to work. Thank you for your time, and please let this email be put into the records about redistricting District 81.

Sincerely,
Katie Montgomery