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Speaker Jim Tucker  
732 Behrman Highway, Suite C-2  
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RE: Redistricting Southern Hills

Mr. Speaker:

It has come to my attention that an effort may be underway to "create" an additional minority district in Caddo Parish which would include Southern Hills. Please know that I along with many of the citizens of the "Southern Hills" area of Shreveport oppose this plan in the strongest possible terms.

First, 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 a single majority white district entirely within the Parish. This does not accurately reflect the demographics of Caddo Parish and should not pass.

Second, there is no community of interest between Southern Hills and the other areas that would make up the majority of this new district. Southern Hills is a large, but very close community that has played a significant role in the development of Shreveport from an economic, cultural and political perspective. The inclusion of Southern Hills in a minority district would potentially strip it of its identity.

Please oppose this effort at all costs.

Regards,

Cc: Alan Seabaugh, Representative, District 5  
Richard Burford, Representative District 7