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HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

AS A CONCERNED VOTER (ELECTED OFFICIAL) RESIDING IN STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 32.1 HUMBL Y REQUEST THAT THE BOUNDARY LINES OF MY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT NOT BE CHANGED. HISTORICALLY, DISTRICT 32 HAS INCLUDED ALL OF ALLEN PARISH, A VERY SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF BEAUREGARD PARISH OUTSIDE OF DERIDDER, AND A SMALL PORTION OF VERNON PARISH, THE INTERESTS OF THESE SMALL TOWN AND RURAL AREAS HAVE BEEN SERVED WELL BY THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT. TO CHANGE THE DISTRICT LINES WOULD BE A GREAT DISSERVICE TO OUR AREA.

FURTHER, ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS OF THE 2010 CENSUS HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED, I HAVE HEARD THAT DISTRICT 32 HAS GAINED IN POPULATION, NOT LOST. WE LIVE IN A GROWING, NOT DECLINING, DISTRICT WHICH DESERVES TO BE LEFT IN TACT. IN FACT, MUCH OF OUR PROGRESS – ESPECIALLY IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS, SERVICES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE – FACILITATING A GROWING POPULATION IS PARTLY THE RESULT OF THE VOICE THAT WE HAVE IN BATON ROUGE, OUR DISTRICT 32 REPRESENTATIVE. WE KNOW OUR REPRESENTATIVE, AND OUR REPRESENTATIVE KNOWS US AND IS RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS.

PLEASE HELP DISTRICT 32 CONTINUE TO PROGRESS BY NOT CHANGING THE DISTRICT LINES. THANK YOU FOR SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING THE HISTORY, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS OF OUR DISTRICT IN YOUR DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

SINCERELY,



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