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From: James Reynolds, MD [jlrmd@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:19 PM
To: Gallot, Rep. (District Office); Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Subject: Combining District 81 With A New Orleans District

Dear Legislators Richard Gallo, Jr., and Speaker Jim Tucker,

I would like to voice my opposition to the plan of State Rep. Rick Gallot, Chm. of the House and Gov. Affairs Comm., who has advocated elimination of District 81 and combining it with a New Orleans district into one district. This would require residents of District 81 in Metairie to go to New Orleans to vote, or possibly vice versa, and would impair the identification that we in the two parishes have for our respective parishes. I would ask you to find a different solution to Louisiana's loss of one legislative district secondary to a decreasing Louisiana population.

The ultimate solution--one that exists currently in several other Southern states, as indicated by their increasing population over the last ten years--is promotion of increased economic activity, business. This could be done in Louisiana by 1. encouraging honesty and lack of corruption in our State's politics, 2. efficiency in government, 3. ease of business permitting, 4. reduction of primarily business taxes and secondarily of personal taxes, and 5. major improvement in Louisiana's educational system through charter, non-union schools. Our State badly needs such promotion in order to be more attractive to others as a place to live, work, raise a family, and do business.

Thank you for your consideration,

James L. Reynolds, M.D.