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To: Gallot, Rep. (District Office)
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Subject: Redistricting

Gentlemen:

Much to our dismay, it has come to our attention that some misguided individual proposed that mandatory redistricting of our area should include combining portions of Jefferson Parish (Metairie) with Orleans Parish.

In the event you do not know the history of Metairie, and East Jefferson, let me remind you that this area became the fastest growing and most prosperous parish of Louisiana because of those of us, or our parents, that fled Orleans Parish in the "60s for a variety of reasons including taxes and crime.

Now, some "New Orleans representative" wants to get his hands on the people of Metairie to impose the will of those that do not share our values or our way of life, not to mention tapping into a much higher taxable population than that of Orleans.

Let me assure you, most everyone in this area wants no part of being governed by anyone other than someone from Jefferson Parish and who we decide to elect. We came to Metairie to escape the crime and deplorable living condition of most of Orleans. Now, some politicians are entertaining the idea of forcing on us what we ran from decades ago. Since Katrina, the crime rate in this area is rising, along with the number of former Orleans residents. We certainly do not want someone of that ilk forced down our throats.

We will make a promise to you and anyone that proposes and/or supports such an outrageous and harmful proposal will pay at the voting polls. We here in Metairie will not allow what we have worked for most of our lives to be jeopardized by bureaucrats attempting to make political points and feathering their nest with our tax dollars.

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