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State of Louisiana
House of Representatives
Honorable Jim Tucker, Speaker of the House

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Statement of Ron Roberts
House of Reps/Beauregard

Dear Representative Tucker:

Beauregard Parish is currently represented by four different people: James Armes, Dorothy Sue Hill, Brett Geymann, and Mike Danahay. Not one of them lives in Beauregard Parish.

The City of DeRidder – the parish's population center – is fortunate to have Rep. Armes nearby in Leesville. The current situation is not ideal, but it is workable. Until the year 2000, Beauregard had its own representative. When we view Jeff Davis Parish, our neighbor to the south, we cannot help but raise the question of equity. How can a smaller parish have both its own representative and its own senator?

I have not seen any proposal that improves our situation. Thus, I implore you to leave us in a situation where James Armes can represent the City of DeRidder.

Thank you,

Ron Roberts, Mayor
DeRidder, LA

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