

O'Brien, Shawn*Congress
Bayou Region***Subject:** FW: Congressional Redistricting**From:** Tucker, Rep. (District Office)**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 10:22 AM**To:** O'Brien, Shawn**Subject:** FW: Congressional Redistricting

From: Gwen Theriot [mailto:gwent@viscom.net]**Sent:** Sunday, April 03, 2011 10:36 PM

Dear Representative,

I write this letter this evening with complete respect for the job you have this week of voting on the best plan for the new Congressional Districts. I attended three of the redistricting public hearings and watched the remaining ones online.

PLEASE do not sacrifice the voices of the people who believed they would be heard at the public hearings. Many people took time out of their busy schedules to participate in this process. To disregard their combined voices in this process would be a step backwards in improving Louisiana's image when it comes to politics.

I believe that any plan that disregards important issues of South Louisiana, which has continued to grow in population and economy, to preserve senior Congressmen's districts because that's how they want it (despite slow growth in those areas) reflects a "politics as usual" mentality. I am disappointed that our Governor would actually indicate that he would only support a plan that maintains two north-south districts for North Louisiana. I ask you to not let this influence how you will vote.

Please vote for what is best for ALL of Louisiana. When considering what is best, please consider voting on a plan that keeps Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes together in the same district. Well over 300 people (the most at any of the hearings) gathered at the hearing in Houma to let the committees know that it was important to the area. This is a reasonable request that can be fulfilled with your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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