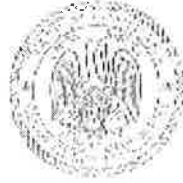


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Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, it is time for Louisiana to redistrict the State and re-draw State Representative and State Senate lines, as well as those of other elected offices.

We are all keenly aware that due to Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans has lost tremendous population, much of which has not returned. I have recently viewed a plan presented by State Rep. Rick Gallot, Chairman of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, that would eliminate District 81 altogether and combine it with a diminished New Orleans district. This would mean that many of the residents who currently live in Metairie and are now represented by a Metairie (Jefferson) official could be represented by a public official from New Orleans.

I want to be represented by officials of Jefferson like it has always been!

I don't think this is what the constituents of District 81 would like to see happen. I believe the citizens of Metairie would like to continue to be represented by and in a district that is wholly in Jefferson. A public forum was held in New Orleans on February 17 at Dillard University. At this meeting, I was informed that a former New Orleans representative took the mike and first presented the idea of a combined New Orleans-Jefferson representative seat. I was told by Rep. Rick Gallot there was no opposition from the Jefferson residents when this plan was presented so they moved forward with it. *But if my health, I don't attend*

I wanted to give you the opportunity to let your voice be heard. I can assure you as your State Rep. that I let Chairman Gallot know in the strongest way possible that the people of District 81 would not want to be combined in any way with or represented by any elected official from New Orleans. As this redistricting process is still in its early stages, I wanted to invite each of you to contact Chairman Gallot and Speaker Tucker and let your concerns be heard.

Please copy my office with your emails and letters to Chairman Gallot and Speaker Tucker so that I can have them for my records. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office. If you belong to any neighborhood association, please make them aware of this issue and have them contact me. Please let Chairman Gallot know that you would like your letters and emails to be put into the official House record regarding redistricting.

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Sincerely,

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