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State of Louisiana  
House & Governmental Affairs  
Attn: Representative Rick Gallot  
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Dear Representative Gallot:

I appreciated the opportunity to address your committee when you convened in Lake Charles on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I suspect the large turnout impressed upon you the political interest and involvement of Southwest Louisiana citizens.

I would like to add one fact to the comments I presented to you.

Beauregard Parish is represented in the state Legislature by four persons. You are aware of this. What has not been publically discussed is that not one of these four actually lives in Beauregard Parish. This seems to me to be fundamentally wrong.

I would remind you that up until the last reapportionment, Beauregard Parish had its own seat in the legislature. Whether or not this is currently feasible only your committee can decide.

Your task is a large one. Certainly not everyone will be pleased with the results. To this point, the process appears transparent and the numbers are on the table. Perhaps this will dissuade dissension.

Again, I thank you for considering the step-child status of Beauregard Parish.

Sincerely,

Ron Roberts, Mayor  
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