

**O'Brien, Shawn**

**From:** Tucker, Rep. (District Office)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 7:54 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Shawn

**Subject:** FW: HB1! and amendments. Do not betray our dedication to the truths espoused by this nation

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**From:** Terrel Broussard [tbroussard@monbar.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 5:21 PM

**To:** Tucker, Rep. (District Office)

**Subject:** HB1! and amendments. Do not betray our dedication to the truths espoused by this nation

Dear Rep. Tucker:

Please include my email in the record of the House Government Affairs Committee, for review by the U.S. Department of Justice or any district court determining pre-clearance pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

As a resident of Orleans Parish, I understand that because we have lost population, we must lose a certain number of state house representatives. Your proposal that we who live in Orleans Parish should lose 4 representatives. The current House Bill, as amended by Amendment 203 and Amendment 248 would dilute African-American voter representation unfairly and disproportionately. This is unconstitutional and I predict will not meet federal scrutiny. These amendments do not respect communities of interest, and they are far from compact. As a veteran who have defended the rights of others in foreign lands, and as a father of a service member who has done the same recently and is poised to so again if ordered to do so, I find it horrifying that we have to fight in this country for the same freedoms that we claim to represent in other portions of the world. Do not betray our dedication to the truths espoused by this nation.

I am asking that you reconsider your vote and support of HB1 with these amendments. I do not want my right to vote infringed upon. We are not Democrats or Republicans. We are first Americans. The enemy we face does make distinctions based on party affiliations.

Sincerely,

Terrel J. Broussard, Partner

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