

O'Brien, Shawn

From: Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 2:17 PM
To: O'Brien, Shawn
Subject: FW: Against Amendment #248 and 203

From: Lydia Pelot-Hobbs [mailto:ms.lydiajean@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 2:16 PM
To: Tucker, Rep. (District Office)
Subject: Against Amendment #248 and 203

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. I do not believe we Orleans Parish should lose 4 representatives however, and the current House Bill, as amended by Amendment 203 and Amendment 248 would dilute African-American voter representation unfairly and disproportionately. These amendments do not respect communities of interest, and they are far from compact.

In particular, as a white resident of Orleans Parish I would be remiss if I did not state my concern that it appears this process is aimed at strengthening white political power at the expense of African-American residents. This represents the antithesis of a democracy committed to the voices of all the citizens, not just those deemed worthy based on race.

I am asking that you reconsider your vote and support of HB1 with these amendments. I do not want my or others right to vote infringed upon.

Sincerely,

Lydia Pelot-Hobbs
1004 Louisa Street

New Orleans, LA 70117