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To the Members of the House Committee on Government Affairs:

We are writing to express our concern about the proposed redistricting of house districts in the Monroe/West Monroe area.

The current House District 16 not only includes our business interests, it also includes the headquarters of CenturyLink, one of our state's few Fortune 500 companies, the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the bulk of Monroe's and Northeast Louisiana's commercial and banking activity.

Under the current redistricting proposal, District 16 would be divided among three districts, none of which would have a core population centered in the Monroe business district. It would put the University of Louisiana at Monroe in a district not centered in Monroe and move CenturyLink into a district that primarily serves a rural population north of the city. We believe that nothing good for economic growth of our area or the state can come from this plan. In fact, it may serve to thwart opportunities that could otherwise result in increased economic growth and concurrent job creation.

We understand that Federal law must be accommodated when drawing up the new districts. We are confident that this goal can be accomplished while preserving the district that keeps Monroe's business community at its core and we strongly urge you to adopt such a plan.

Sincerely,

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