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From: Lyrae Norman [lyraenorman@gmail.com]
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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.

As I understand the Bill, the current seating Senator, Cynthia Willard-Lewis will lose her seat because her district is being not equally divided between Senators Morrell and Murray. I have great concerns about that decision and I would like a more detailed explanation on how the redistricting will benefit Orleans Parish.

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.

Sincerely,

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