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Jim,

There is a time for regionalism and a time for fairness. As committed as I am to regionalism, this is the time for fairness. What has happened in New Orleans is unfortunate and the requirements to satisfy the Justice Department are just that: requirements. However, it is not fair to allow an unnecessary "Orleans majority" district to intrude into East Jefferson along the lakefront and it is not a requirement that a majority-minority district on the Westbank have in excess of 60% minority.

That is why I join with the JBC and other Jefferson Parish Business groups in firm support of Jefferson Parish Plan C Preferred as the most equitable and effective plan offered for our community.

The Jefferson Parish business community continues to strongly support you and our legislative group who continue to place Jefferson and its citizens first, and personal and political agendas second. At our request Ruby Noble provided a recap of the consensus that was reached following our call with President Young. To properly state our position, we strongly:

1. SUPPORT six East Bank majority Jefferson Parish House Districts - such as those drawn in "Plan C Preferred"

Rationale: This is the number of East Bank House districts currently in place (held by Reps. Henry, LaBruzzo, Ligi, Lopinto, Talbot and Willmott) The 2010 Census results support the retention of six East Bank Jefferson majority House seats in Jefferson Parish.

"Plan C Preferred", as drawn by GCR on behalf of the Parish, will retain six East Bank majority Jefferson Parish seats.

District 81 (Rep. LaBruzzo) would be retained in Metairie (Severn to Orleans Parish Line), and move south into some areas of Orleans Parish, this district would still be a majority Jefferson seat (64.3% Jefferson; 36.7% Orleans).

2. SUPPORT the West Bank House seats as they are currently proposed in House Bill 1 of the