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REGION 7

January 16, 2024

The Honorable Cleo Fields
Chairman
Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs
900 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Senator Fields:

I regret that I cannot be there today due to the weather conditions on the roads. I pray that all throughout the state are remaining safe and warm as we wait for this winter storm to pass. As a member of Congress, I stand ready to help anyone affected in anyway that I can.

Watching a storm roll in brings back the memories of other storms that have rolled through the State. Katrina, Rita, Gustav, Ike, Great Flood of 2016, Ida, and so many more have altered life for everyone. During the immediate aftermath of natural disasters this State shows the compassion and resilience that others envy.

However, as we learn from natural disasters, recovery is different in every community. The disparate needs of communities give concrete examples of why representation matters.

As a former member of this beloved body, I know your hearts because I have had the opportunity to see them up close and personal. While we have not always agreed on policy we have always agreed on the love of country, community and the great people of Louisiana.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said "the time is always ripe to do what is right." Today, Louisiana stands ready to enact constitutional congressional maps that reflect that math is math. One third of six is two. I am willing to work with anyone to produce a constitutional map creating two majority-minority districts that give Black candidates a meaningful opportunity to win. Louisiana stands ready to show that all of its citizens deserve the equal opportunity to elect their candidates of choice. Louisiana stands ready to do the right thing.

I trust that my former colleagues and distinguished members of this committee will not wait. I pray you will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Troy A. Carter, Sr.
Member of Congress

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Troy A. Carter, Sr.", is written over the typed name and title.