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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Requested Amendment to Louisiana's Federal Judicial Districts

Dear Mr. Speaker:

As you are aware, Louisiana is divided into three federal judicial districts known as the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 98. I am requesting that 28 U.S.C. § 98 be amended to move West Feliciana Parish from the Middle District to the Western District of Louisiana.

The parishes comprising the Middle District have seen significant population growth, and there has been a corresponding explosion in the District's caseload. The Middle District has seen a 35.2% increase in total filings since 2020 and currently has 25% more new filings per judge than the Western District. These numbers illustrate how the Middle District's growth has stretched its judicial resources thin at the very moment when our Capital City needs them most. East Baton Rouge Parish continues to battle violent crime, and our citizens deserve a federal court system that can move criminal cases quickly, hold offenders accountable, and support law enforcement in making our communities safer.

Right now, a major driver of the Middle District's docket sits in West Feliciana Parish. The Louisiana State Penitentiary is the largest maximum-security prison in this State. It houses more than 4,000 inmates, including every male death-row inmate in Louisiana, and, as a result, is the source of a substantial amount of federal litigation. Moving West Feliciana Parish into the Western District will improve judicial efficiency and better address public safety needs in East Baton Rouge Parish and the State of Louisiana.

For Louisiana,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry".

Jeff Landry
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CC: David Warrington, White House Counsel