



December 6, 2012

Chairman Don Gaetz
Senate Reapportionment Committee
The Florida Senate
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Congressional plan sp10c0039 and Senate plan sp10s0040

Dear Chairman Gaetz:

As you know, The League of Women Voters of Florida, Democracia, Inc., (now part of The National Council of La Raza), and Common Cause of Florida have been monitoring the redistricting process since it began. Throughout the process, we have been hopeful that the Legislature would follow its constitutional mandate to create maps that comply with the FairDistricts standards.

Since they were filed on December 6, 2011, we have had a chance to fully review the Senate's proposed Congressional and Senate redistricting plans, SB 1174 and SJR 1176. We believe these plans fail to adhere to the spirit and the letter of Florida's new constitutional requirements and, therefore, offer alternative Congressional and Senate redistricting plans which we have uploaded to your redistricting website. Our Congressional plan has been assigned number sp10c0039 and our Senate plan has been numbered sp10s0040. We hope you will consider supporting them.

Whether or not you favor our plans, it is our hope that you, as Chairman of the Committee, will extend a courtesy to our organizations by filing our Congressional and Senate redistricting plans as strike all amendments to SB 1174 and SJR 1176 and submitting them for a vote of the Senate Reapportionment Committee at its January 11 meeting.

If for some reason you are not willing to extend this courtesy, we request that another member of the Reapportionment Committee – whether they support our approach or not – submit our plans to bill drafting and offer them as amendments so they can be fully discussed and voted up or down.

The FairDistricts criteria – which were supported by 63% of Floridians – demand the thoughtful, principled and nonpartisan approach that our maps represent. In the spirit of

openness and fairness, we hope you will bring these maps forward as amendments at your January 11 meeting so the members of the committee can have a full opportunity to consider them.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please consider supporting the Congressional and Senate plans submitted by our organizations.

Sincerely,



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CC: All members of The Senate Reapportionment Committee