ATTN: Redistricting committee

My name is Yolanda Mercedes, and I am a resident of 5245 Coconut Blvd 33411 in Palm Beach County Florida. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer my input to the redistricting committee. I’m writing today to speak for many Hispanics and other minorities who live in neighborhoods in The Acreage, Royal Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Lantana, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and other cities here in Palm Beach County. As our district lines are currently drawn, we have an opportunity to elect a candidate of our choice – a candidate that looks like us and that understands the needs of minorities in Palm Beach County – at the county level, at the State Senate level, and at the Congressional level.

But, at the State House level, something is wrong. At the State House level, minorities living in the neighborhoods I mentioned earlier are not empowered because we cannot elect a candidate of our choice with the way the House lines are drawn right now. I ask you to rectify this problem and draw State House lines that let Hispanics and other minorities have the same opportunities to elect candidates of our choice like we have at all other levels of government. Our community has many pressing and important needs, both economically and socially, that require representation in the State House from someone who understands and is a part of our community. Making this change will empower minorities locally and help us have a stronger voice in Tallahassee.

Thanks for the opportunity

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