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REP. CLEMMONS: Ladies and gentlemen, if we could have your attention. We seem to have a bit of a problem with our PA system here tonight, so I'm going to try to speak loudly for you.

Thank you, Mr. Allen. Is that better? AUDIENCE: Yes.

REP. CLEMMONS: Perfect. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You got to talk directly into it.

REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for being here. This is our fifth of a series of nine public hearings we're holding across the state of South Carolina. And I must say that we have all, especially myself, looked anxiously forward to tonight being here with you in Horry County and my home district of Myrtle Beach. Thank you so much for being here with us tonight. I know it's been an inconvenience to be here. But, as a friend of ours, a representative, from Newberry told us once during a House debate the juice is certainly worth the squeeze of being here tonight. So thank you all for being here. I first of all have some introductory comments. Before I get to my

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introductory comments, I would like to 1 2 recognize a few folks here with me. Of course, I'm Alan Clemmons. I have the honor 3 of chairing the Election Law Subcommittee of 4 the South Carolina House Judiciary Committee. 5 б The Election Law Subcommittee is tasked with 7 the job of putting together the first plan and 8 working that plan through the House of 9 Representatives that will redraw our 10 congressional and our state House districts 11 throughout South Carolina. And to work with 12 me in that plan I have here the four other 13 members of our subcommittee who I'd like to 14 introduce to you. To my extreme left, to your 15 right, is Representative Tom Young. Tom comes from Aiken. Next to him is Bakari Sellers. 16 17 Bakari is also a member of the House. He is 18 from Bamberg County. Between Mr. Sellers and 19 myself is our staff attorney, Mr. Patrick 20 To my right is Representative Carl Dennis. 21 Anderson of Greenville. And -- I'm sorry. 22 Is Carl Anderson here? I didn't Excuse me. 23 mean to steal your personality. Karl Allen 24 from Greenville. And to his right is Jenny 25 Horne from Summerville. We have some other

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members of the House of Representatives here 1 2 with us tonight. I saw Kevin Ryan. Kevin, would you stand? Kevin is there in the 3 Okay. From Georgetown we have George Hearn, 4 back. 5 Representative Hearn right here in the front. б And Nelson Hardwick. Nelson, okay. We spread 7 ourselves out in the crowd for maximum impact. 8 Do we have any other members of the House that 9 are here with us? Our past experience in 10 these hearings has been that other members of 11 the House will come in throughout this 12 If that happens I will, between hearing. 13 speakers, introduce you to those members of 14 the House. We also have with us a number of 15 elected officials from Horry County Council, 16 from city councils, and other local government 17 officials here tonight. For you local elected 18 officials, would you stand so we can recognize 19 all of you? And we will give you a hand. 20 Thank you for being here tonight. 21 (Applause) 22 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for attending this meeting of the House Election Law Subcommittee. 23 These

hearings are only the first step in a long and involved process that must be followed to

complete a workable redistricting plan. 1 2 We hope to start tonight, and at the other hearings throughout the state, by listening to 3 extensive public input and then using that 4 5 input to form the basis of how we proceed in 6 the redistricting process. From that point 7 this subcommittee must create and submit to the full House Judiciary Committee a plan of 8 9 how to draw the district lines for the South 10 Carolina House of Representatives, all 124 11 districts and the United States Congress, 12 including the new 7th Congressional District 13 received in the last reapportionment. The 14 full committee must then submit a plan that 15 may or may not be the same as the 16 subcommittee's plan to the full House for 17 consideration. Any plan that gains approval 18 of the House, and later the Senate, must be 19 submitted to the United States Justice 20 Department, pursuant to the Voting Right's Act 21 for what is called pre-clearance. If it is 22 determined by the Justice Department or the 23 courts that the plan does not comply first 24 with the constitutional mandates of one man, 25 one vote and equal protection. And, second,

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with the statutory requirements of the Voting 1 2 Rights Act more work may yet need to be done Tonight, our goal is to listen 3 on our plan. to each and every interested party tell us 4 5 what they would like to see accomplished in the House redrawing of district lines for both 6 7 the South Carolina House of Representatives 8 and Unites States Congressional districts. We 9 are here tonight to listen to your concerns and your recommendations as to what the 10 11 subcommittee should consider in this process. 12 As the House undertakes the process of 13 redrawing district lines, public input is 14 indispensable. It helps us shape a House that best represents the people of South Carolina. 15 16 The House of Representatives is often called the People's House. And in order to continue 17 18 to earn that distinction we must know how the 19 people, how you, want that House to look, how 20 the people wish to be represented. That is 21 the sole purpose of these hearings tonight: to 22 hear from those, the public, and take their 23 guidance as we shape the House and the 24 congressional districts for the coming decade. 25 We welcome any input that helps us understand

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specific issues of this area in which 1 identifying neighborhoods, political 2 subdivisions and other areas that we believe 3 the subcommittee or that you believe the 4 subcommittee should take into consideration 5 when drawing political lines. Resulting from 6 7 this series of hearings, this subcommittee plans to adopt a set of criteria drawn 8 9 primarily from what we hear and in our other 10 public hearings. These criteria will be the 11 guiding principles by which the House will 12 redraw district lines. As you all know, the 13 plan that is ultimately produced must, more 14 than anything else, assure the principle of 15 one man, one vote, meaning that we are 16 required to have as equal a population in each 17 district as possible. But beyond those 18 requirements this subcommittee is particularly 19 interested in what political subdivisions or 20 smaller communities have in common, or do not 21 have in common that would suggest that they be 22 placed into one or multiple districts. While 23 this hearing is being conducted tonight in 24 Horry County to allow residence of the 25 immediate area an opportunity for input, the

1 subcommittee is happy to hear testimony from 2 anyone in any part of the state or the state as a whole. Because tonight's hearing will 3 become part of the record in this matter, this 4 proceeding is also being recorded and it will 5 be transcribed. To make sure that we have a 6 7 clear record, I would ask that each witness 8 come to the microphone, clearly state your 9 name and give us your address. Speak slowly 10 and succicently and share with us the 11 information that you wish to share. If you 12 are appearing tonight on behalf of a group, 13 such as a political party, a public interest group or other organization, please let us 14 15 know that information as well. I, and other 16 members of this committee, may make comments 17 and ask questions about particular areas which 18 may not reflect the intentions or the 19 recommendations of this committee or of the 20 House of Representatives. We will also be 21 glad to answer general questions about the 22 process, if we can. However, because this is 23 the first part of a long, involved process of 24 gathering information from around the state, 25 we may not be able to answer specific

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questions at this time. I anticipate that 1 2 this meeting will last approximately two hours, and while we want to hear everything 3 that anyone has to offer, we do reserve the 4 right to limit individual testimony to ten 5 minutes. I would ask that each person as 6 7 they offer testimony be considerate of others 8 who are here to offer their opinions as well. 9 I'd also like to share with you that we have 10 extensively advertised this public hearing 11 tonight. We have done that through the state 12 wide media, we've done it through local media. 13 We have sent out emails to all of the folks 14 that have registered as interested parties. 15 We have sent out information to all the major 16 political parties and minor political parties or third party groups that we have information 17 18 We hope that we have contacted a wide about. 19 swath of the community and that tonight the 20 public input that we hear will be 21 representative of the thoughts, concerns and 22 recommendations of the entire region in 23 and around Horry County. We also would ask 24 that if any previous speaker shares the 25 comments that you intend to share as a

1 speaker, if you would come tell us who you 2 are, give us your address and instead of restating things that have already been said, 3 for the sake of time and respect for other's 4 comments, that you just -- that you endorse 5 those comments that you previously heard. 6 7 This committee will also be pleased to receive 8 any written documents that you may have, maps, 9 letters, anything in writing that you wish to submit to us to make it part of the public 10 11 record. We will be pleased to make those 12 writings part of the public record. We only 13 ask that you print your name and your mailing 14 address on each such exhibit before handing 15 them to us. We have seated at the table in 16 front of us Ms. Emma Dean, who I neglected to 17 introduce before, who is also one of our very 18 capable staff attorneys. She and Mr. Dennis 19 will be assisting us tonight. If you have 20 documentary information you'd like to share with us, we'd ask that you hand it to Ms. Dean 21 22 when you come up to speak. We will also be receiving written information. 23 We are 24 receiving written information everyday 25 concerning people's thoughts and input. We

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1		leave this record open and we would ask that
2		any information that you would like to share
3		with us or that your friends, neighbors or
4		family would like to share with us with regard
5		to the intent of this hearing tonight that
6		they put their thoughts in writing and they
7		send those thoughts to us. We look forward to
8		hearing from all of you tonight who wish to be
9		addressed. We look forward to hearing your
10		comments and incorporating those comments in
11		the criteria by which the political districts
12		will be formed for South Carolina in congress
13		and South Carolina House of Representatives
14		for the next decade. With that said, the time
15		is now yours and I will be
16	REP.	SELLERS: Mr. Chairman?
17	REP.	CLEMMONS: Yes, Mr
18	REP.	SELLERS: I would move to have security. We
19		had someone ease in. Some gentlemen just
20		eased to the front, and I'd have security move
21		him
22	REP.	CLEMMONS: Mr. Allen, thank you very much, but
23		he is one of us. Mr. Viers, welcome. We
24		don't need an introduction of Thad Viers, but
25		welcome Mr. Viers.

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(Applause)

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2	REP. CLEMMONS: Any other matters of business before
3	we begin public input? Thank you Mr. Allen.
4	With that, the early bird today was Dennis
5	DiSabato, the first to sign in. So Mr.
6	DiSabato if you'll come forward to the
7	microphone and share with us your if I
8	pronounced your name correctly or not and your
9	mailing address and share your comments with
10	us.
11	MR. DISABATO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You did get
12	my name right. I'm here today speaking with
13	two hats, one as a concerned citizen of
14	Carolina Forest, but also as the president of
15	the Carolina Forest Civic Association
16	basically to let the committee know the civic
17	association's position with regard to Carolina
18	Forest. We are currently well, portions of
19	what are considered Carolina Forest are
20	currently being represented by Representative
21	George Hearn and Representative Thad Viers.
22	While they both do very good work for our
23	community, their central focus of their
24	districts are both Socastee and Conway,
25	respectively. We feel in Carolina Forest we

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have needs and concerns that need to be 1 2 addressed and don't necessarily coalesce with those of Conway and Socastee and feel that we 3 are deserving of a House district in and of 4 itself so that we can have centralized focus 5 representation in Columbia for our needs. 6 7 Just looking at the numbers, and I hadn't had a real chance to take a look at what was 8 9 drawn up here for the House districts 10 statistics. It looks like cutting off 11 portions of each we would be almost filling 12 the 2010 ideal House district numbers by 13 ourselves. We've had a 506 percent population 14 increase in Carolina Forest alone from the 15 2000 census to the 2010 census. I believe we 16 went from roughly 3400 full-time residents to 17 nearly 21,000 full-time residents. And, quite 18 honestly, our infrastructure and other needs 19 in that area have not kept pace with the 20 growth that we've had. So I think it's 21 important to take a close look at Carolina 22 Forest to determine whether or not there's a need for some centralized and focused 23 24 representation in that area. Thank you. 25 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Disabato. Mr. Billy

Huggins.

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2	MR. HUGGINS: Thank all of you for this opportunity.
3	I had no idea I'd be here tonight. I was
4	contacted by numerous neighbors and relatives
5	and voters and property owners from Murrells
6	Inlet. For those of you who aren't familiar
7	with Murrells Inlet, we are part of we're
8	the northern most part of the Waccamaw neck
9	that you hear reference to many times. Our
10	area is divided. We have our neighborhoods
11	are divided. Our community is divided between
12	Georgetown and Horry County and we've learned
13	to live with that confusion. But we do have
14	an opportunity, we believe, through this
15	redistricting to ask you to consider taking
16	the natural barrier for our community, which
17	is Brookgreen Gardens, and north of there,
18	move that into I guess it would be 106, which
19	is Nelson Hardwick's district. Nothing
20	against the other representatives, but we're
21	so far north in the district when we need
22	something done, we migrate to Representative
23	Hardwick who is only a couple of miles away.
24	So when you look at that community he serves,
25	you have Surfside, Garden City and Murrells

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Inlet. We all go to church together, we 1 2 worship together, our children play together until it's school time and then they have 3 divide and go to two different counties for 4 schools. All we're asking, and as you look at 5 this jigsaw puzzle you have to put together, 6 7 that you take a hard look at considering taking that natural geographical barrier where 8 9 there are no residents north of Brookgreen Gardens and move that in to the district that 10 11 Nelson Hardwick represents. And we would 12 greatly appreciate it. And right now there's 13 several hundred people that it has grown to in 14 just two days that will be following up with 15 letters and emails. So appreciate the time. 16 Thank you. 17 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Huggins. REP. ALLEN: What district is --18 19 REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Huggins, could you come back to 20 the microphone for just one moment? Mr. Allen 21 has a question. 22 MR. HUGGINS: Oh, yes, thank you. 23 REP. ALLEN: What district are you currently in and 24 who represents you? 25 MR. HUGGINS: Well, we're divided between Nelson's

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1	and it used to be Vida Miller's. Now it's
2	Kevin Ryan. Nothing against Kevin. But our
3	natural progression as property owners and
4	residents, we call Nelson.
5	REP. ALLEN: All right. Thank you. Thank you.
6	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Huggins. Daniel S.
7	Cochran. Mr. Cochran is the vice chair of the
8	Carolina Patriots.
9	MR. COCHRAN: Thanks for having this hearing and
10	thanks for letting me speak. I'm speaking
11	partly on behalf of the Carolina Patriots and
12	partly for the folks that live in and around
13	Coastal Carolina University. I'd like to
14	expand upon what Dennis said just a little
15	bit. Let's not centralize that House so much
16	in Carolina Forest, but kind of look to go to
17	East Conway. What I look at is basically kind
18	of the 501 corridor from once you're coming
19	out of Conway to the waterway. Please don't
20	put us on the other side of the waterway.
21	Those people are so much weirder than us.
22	Their needs are totally different than the
23	people who are having to deal with the on a
24	Thursday or Friday night in heavy summer
25	traffic 501 can take you an hour to travel two

miles down the road and back to drop people 1 2 off a Carolina Forest and come back to Coastal Carolina University. I'm not knocking any of 3 the Reps, but, obviously, we need to, you 4 5 know, get some infrastructure in there. And 6 Carolina Forest needs the same type of 7 infrastructure fixing. They got a two lane 8 road running through there that pumps way too 9 much traffic. I know. I drive on it and it 10 backlogs. That's why I'm saying on this side 11 of the waterway we support with our work and 12 effort -- efforts, you know, what's on the 13 other side of the waterway. But we like to 14 live on this side because we don't like to pay 15 the insurance that they have to pay. You 16 know, anyhow, I won't go into that. But just 17 consider that. But the real reason why I 18 wanted to come up here was to just touch on a 19 thought that was brought up in Monday's nights 20 meeting by Viers. Dennis, myself and a couple 21 other people that spoke to the Senate that 22 were there in regards to the new District 7. 23 We'd like for you to -- I'm sorry, I'm going 24 to read this at this point because I wrote it 25 and it makes sense and if I talk I'll stumble

over my tongue. We'd like for you to consider 1 2 drawing the 7th District which the state has not had since 1913 close to the old Pee Dee 3 District 6 lines which include Horry, 4 Georgetown, Williamsburg, Florence, Marion, 5 Dillon, Marlboro and if not the whole at 6 7 least part of Darlington County. We've looked 8 at the census numbers and that provides a bit 9 over the 660 that you're looking for as a minimum, but it's not, you know, into the 10 11 700,000s. It's definitely our feel that the 12 demographics of the area much better reflect 13 what we have in our little upper corner which 14 is quite frankly we're very agro. As much as we like to tout the tourist, if you look at 15 16 those counties as a whole, they're very agro. 17 Now, Florence has a lot of distribution and if 18 Georgetown was included and we could get our 19 harbor taken care of down there then with 73, 20 if that ever happens, then we could actually have a good corridor for bringing stuff out of 21 22 Georgetown and let them build up their 23 industries that they already had in place that 24 have been shut down over the last couple of 25 decades. Because the needs up here, our upper

corner, are a little bit different than that 1 2 what they like down there in Charleston, you And right now since the reps always 3 know. come out of Charleston we have to call up 4 Charleston say, hey, could you please, you 5 know, we got a harbor, could you dredge it? 6 7 Oh, well, you know, we got this other thing 8 down here. We'll get to you guys some time. 9 So it would be nice to have our own rep. The 10 other key point that I was looking at and is 11 our federal court is in Florence. If we have 12 to go to federal court we -- that area I just 13 spoke of is covered by three U.S. House reps. 14 Wouldn't it be a lot more convenient for us to 15 be able to only talk to one House rep if we 16 have to deal with federal courts? So please 17 take that into consideration. And, yeah, I 18 live at 1041 Colonial Lane in Conway. Thank 19 you. 20 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you very much, Mr. Cochran. Steven Neeves, Coastal Carolina Association of 21 22 Realtors. Welcome Mr. Neeves. 23 MR. NEEVES: Thank you, Mr. Chair and committee. 24 Good to see all of you here. Just want to 25 throw some quick notes out. The first one,

and I do support the idea of looking back at 1 2 the old District 6, speaking of congressional districts, first. Having been blessed to grow 3 up in Horry County, but right now I'm learning 4 5 about Georgetown County and going through their leadership program with their chamber. 6 7 And it has amazed me how connected they are economically, historically and just 8 9 culturally. So I know one of the ideas that 10 was played with was breaking off Horry County 11 and taking the top counties. I would 12 encourage you to look past that and look at 13 Horry and Georgetown as the core of this new 14 I really think because of their district. uniqueness and they way that they've grown 15 16 that they should stay together. That's my 17 only comment about the congressional. I live 18 in District 68 which is Representative Viers' 19 district, and I know we're going to have to 20 shrink that. But I hope that you'll look in 21 there at the Socastee Community, and even 22 though it's not a town or a city, it has a 23 history. And it's on both sides of the 24 waterway. I'd hate to see Socastee get split 25 That's sort of funny. We have the swing up.

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1	the old swing bridge there in Socastee and
2	you can almost draw a circle around it and see
3	how it all has stayed together and grows
4	together. So please look at the Socastee
5	community and not splitting it up as we have
6	to shrink District 68. Those are really the
7	only two comments I had that I wanted to throw
8	out there. But I will let you know we do have
9	eight representatives here from
10	the Association of Realtors. If any of the
11	members have questions about communities,
12	we're here to answer anything you have
13	tonight.
14	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Neeves. Carol
15	Padgett. Carol Padgett is here with the
16	Northern Horry County Republican Club and
17	distinguished attorney from Loris.
18	MR. PADGETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
19	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir.
20	MR. PADGETT: Thank you, commitee members. I
21	appreciate y'all coming to Myrtle Beach and
22	Horry County to be with us tonight. And since
23	you do represent us and we appreciate the
24	opportunity of being able to express
25	our concerns to you. I'm here not only for
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the Republican party in northern Horry, but 1 2 also for the City of Loris. We have our distinguished mayor who's also here in the 3 audience today and several members from the 4 Loris community. And in looking at the 5 6 demographics that we just received today, we 7 knew that there was going to have to be some 8 serious adjustments in looking at the 9 districts in northern Horry County. District 10 5, my Representative is George Hearn, who's a 11 good friend of mine and I've known him for 30 12 But the Loris area is the bedroom years. 13 community of the North Myrtle Beach also of 14 northern Conway. And if you look at the demographics, there's a substantial change to 15 16 the tune of over 18,470 members in District 17 105 that needs to be changed. And on behalf 18 of the community, I also represent the 19 community, we would like for you to seriously consider with the Loris area as the focal 20 21 point of a new district in South Carolina, 22 because we think that's very important. We 23 all now live in a very viable community and a 24 very mobile community. We certainly have a 25 lot of the same interest of people in North

1	Myrtle Beach and Conway and Carolina Forest
2	and some of the other areas. But we are a
3	rural area. And we think that there are
4	needs, and specifically in our area, that can
5	be addressed by people who have been born and
б	raised and lived there 38, 40 years, 50 years
7	that can be addressed by someone who
8	represents that particular area. And on
9	behalf of the Loris community, in our area we
10	would really wish that you would seriously
11	consider focusing a new district with the
12	Loris area as the focal point of that
13	district. Thank you very much.
14	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Padgett. Clewey
15	Reid, if I'm pronouncing that correctly. Of
16	512 South Cedar Drive, Surfside Beach. Mr.
17	Reed, I must have mispronounced your name.
18	Come correct me, please.
19	MR. REED: Mr. Chairman, my name is Gene Reed.
20	REP. CLEMMONS: I sure missed that one. Sorry.
21	Welcome, Mr. Reed, I apologize.
22	MR. REED: I've lived in Surfside for over 40 years
23	and I'm a member of the Grand Strand Tea
24	Party. Also a member of the Carolina
25	Patriots. I'm a past president of Horry-

Georgetown Homebuilders Association. 1 So I've 2 been around here. As far as the local part goes, I'm happy with Nelson Hardwick and the 3 things as they are in Surfside. As far as the 4 7th District goes, I have to agree with Mike 5 I agree with those counties that we 6 Cochran. 7 have a block in the upper right-hand side of If we have a 7th District I'd like 8 the state. 9 to see that together. I think we have more in 10 common than going down to Charleston. Thank 11 you. 12 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you so much, Mr. Reed. Mr. 13 Michael Connick. Welcome, sir, good to have 14 you with us. 15 MR. CONNICK: Good to be here. My name is Michael Connick. I live at 3363 Pine View Drive in 16 17 the megatropolis of Loris. I would like to 18 basically repeat what Mr. Carol Padgett 19 brought forward here this evening. And also 20 just to add to that, prior to the housing downturn that has occurred right now, there 21 22 was a proposed development out in our area that would have been twice the size of 23 24 Carolina Forest. Now, God willing, the 25 economy is going to pick up again and we have

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1	a lot of real estate out there that will be
2	developed. So the 105 District that is being
3	represented right now we will probably going
4	to need a little bit more representation out
5	on our end of the neck of the woods out there.
6	So I would just like you to take that into
7	consideration, put that on record. And thank
8	you gentleman and ladies for being here this
9	evening. Thank you.
10	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Connick. Thanks for
11	being with us. Dick Collette. Good to have
12	you with us tonight, Mr. Collette.
13	MR. CONNICK: Thank you, Alan. And it's Collette.
14	REP. CLEMMONS: I'm sorry, Mr. Collette.
15	MR. CONNICK: I forgive you. I'd like you to know
16	that I'm a new executive committeeman for the
17	Myrtle Trace precinct which its residents have
18	been fighting the 501 traffic dilemma for many
19	years. I have lived all over the United
20	States and worked and I don't see me much
21	worse even in the Los Angeles freeways than
22	what I see on 501 as of two years ago. What I
23	really would like to make a comment on is that
24	the need for having the this corner of
25	South Carolina have its own congressman and

1 its 7th District congressman is extremely 2 necessary for the growth that will -- needs to happen with the agricultural business, with 3 the tourism and hopefully at some point with 4 manufacturing. If we do not get an I73 5 interchange coming into here, which needs the 6 7 help of our own congressman to handle the 8 five, six counties that will make up this 9 660,000 people that I see that area will 10 continue to float along. We need growth and 11 we need this growth through having our own 12 congressman, by having our own improvements in 13 the manufacturing arena. So I, please, I hope 14 that in considering what you are doing here 15 that will put together House members in 16 districts that will support everything that 17 our 7th District congressman in Washington 18 will help do for us. Thank you. 19 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Collette, for your Barbara Chartier. And I note that 20 remarks. Barbara is here on behalf of the Myrtle Beach 21 22 Tea Party. 23 MS. CHARTIER: Yes. But also mostly for North 24 Myrtle Beach, Barefoot Resort, and I'm 25 speaking about the new congressional district.

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1	My points have already been made. Don't want
2	to take up any more time, but I would support
3	a new congressional district for Georgetown,
4	Horry County and the northeastern block of
5	South Carolina. Thank you.
6	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for being here, Ms.
7	Chartier. Mr. Larry Richardson.
8	MR. RICHARDSON: Thank y'all for coming to Myrtle
9	Beach to give us an opportunity to have input.
10	I'm going to request that you think along a
11	little bit different direction for a moment.
12	It has taken our country a long time to get
13	into the financial mess that we're in now, and
14	it's realistically going to take a long time
15	to get out of it. So I'm not thinking about
16	the immediate needs of having a representative
17	for us and we and what our needs are. What
18	I'm thinking about is the opportunity for the
19	northeastern corner of South Carolina here to
20	vote like we did in the 1st Congressional
21	District in this last election. We are
22	overwhelmingly white area and we've elected
23	Tim Scott, an excellent gentleman, into
24	congress. And I believe we have the kind of
25	constituents here in this part of the state

that we can send another Tim Scott like 1 2 person, like minded as far as being conservative and physically responsible with 3 the people's money. And I'm looking past the 4 5 what can we get from a congressman in б Washington and I'm looking to the kind of 7 person that we can send to Washington to help 8 the country get out of its problems. Then 9 next time around after you do this again in 10 ten years, maybe it will be time then to start 11 worrying about ourselves. But I want to send 12 the right person to congress, and I believe 13 this part of the state will do that. 14 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Richardson. 15 (Applause) 16 REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Anthony Trinka. And, Mr. 17 Trinka, I note is president of the Grand 18 Strand Tea Party. Welcome, Mr. Trinka. 19 MR. TRINKA: Welcome. Thank you for getting my name 20 correct. 21 REP. CLEMMONS: You're welcome, sir. 22 MR. TRINKA: Okay. I'm in agreement with most of 23 the other people that are here, as far as 24 making the new district in the upper corner of 25 South Carolina. What I want to bring to your

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1	attention is by doing this it will take Myrtle
2	Beach, North Myrtle Beach and these areas and
3	give it an opportunity for growth in
4	the commercial area. As you know, Georgetown
5	used to be an industrial complex, and that has
6	kind of fall by the wayside and its past time.
7	I feel by creating this district we can create
8	a commercial base where we can bring in
9	companies that the people who live in Myrtle
10	Beach no longer have the only opportunity of
11	being waiters and people who take care of the
12	hotels and based on tourist based jobs and
13	give them jobs in a commercial base and bring
14	in like industry to the area so they have
15	greater opportunities. Thank you.
16	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Trinka. Mr. Jim Gunn
17	with the Carolina Patriots. Mr. Gunn.
18	MR. GUNN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee
19	people. I would like to comment first of
20	all, I guess, 521 Sparkleberry Drive, Murrells
21	Inlet.
22	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you.
23	MR. GUNN: I'd like to comment on the new District
24	7. And I don't want to repeat a lot of what
25	has already been discussed. But, in my

opinion, I believe Horry County, Georgetown 1 and surrounding counties must have separation 2 from Charleston. I think the needs of Horry, 3 Georgetown surrounding counties are different 4 from Charleston. I echo what Daniel Cochran 5 б had mentioned to you. We need to attract more 7 industry in order to achieve growth. Therefore, we need our own congressman to 8 9 fight for our interest by obtaining the 10 funding required to build the infrastructure 11 necessary to attract industry. We don't even 12 have a sufficient base of industry, in my 13 opinion, now to keep many of our local college 14 students in our area due to lack of 15 opportunities. We can grow, but we need 16 improvements at the Georgetown port. We need 17 roads that will efficiently carry our agro 18 products and other products to other markets, 19 plus bring the tourists to the Grand Strand. 20 And what I mean by that as examples, 173, 95 21 which Dick talked about, that connection 22 needs to happen. The completion of the South 23 Carolina 31 I74 to Georgetown needs to happen. 24 I've heard, and you can correct me if I'm 25 wrong, that Spartanburg and Greenville is

vying for the new district. But I believe 1 2 these counties already have a strong industry base while having a solid infrastructure to 3 transport their products, I85 corridor which 4 connects Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. 5 Our counties in the northeast sector of our state 6 7 needs a congressman to support our interest. 8 And when I say counties, I am saying that 9 District 7 should encompass the following counties. And I believe it's the same as what 10 11 Daniel Cochran had mentioned: Horry, 12 Georgetown, Williamsburg, Marion, Dillon, 13 Florence, Darlington and Marlboro. And 14 according to the census.gov numbers that I 15 pulled off a couple of days ago, if you 16 put all those counties together the population 17 would total 663,495. So we meet the 18 requirement of 660,767 which will be met, but 19 just slightly over. I believe my 20 understanding also that if we did use these counties -- the combination of the counties 21 22 there would be a split amongst democrats and 23 republicans which would be equitable, 24 eliminating bias to either party. I ask you 25 to please consider my recommendations. Thank

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1		you.
2	REP.	CLEMMONS: Thank you so much for your
3		recommendations tonight. And we have Mr. Joe
4		Dugan, Chairman of Myrtle Beach Tea Party.
5		Mr. Dugan, thank you for being with us
6		tonight.
7	MR.	DUGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, committee
8		members. In over the past ten years in
9		Horry County we've seen a 37 percent
10		population growth. That sounds like a very
11		high number, but you have to understand that
12		in those ten years the housing boom peaked in
13		2005. So five of those ten years we've seen a
14		problem in the housing industry for our growth
15		which would have been much, much greater than
16		37 percent. Similarly, in January of this
17		year we have the first of the baby boom
18		generation retiring, and we all know what
19		tremendous numbers there are in that
20		generation that began just after at the end
21		of World War II. We could expect if there is
22		if our country is able to survive the
23		severe critical crisis that we are in
24		financially and avoid bankruptcy as a nation
25		and our housing ought to recover, we are going

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1	to see a vast numbers of population, once
2	they're able to sell their McMansions in the
3	north, moving down to areas such as Myrtle
4	Beach. So I would expect in the next ten
5	years, if we're all still sitting here and
6	Horry County is intact, that we will see even
7	much greater increase in population.
8	The other thing that I would like to
9	mention is that my primary focus is on Horry
10	County and keeping Horry County intact as a
11	congressional district. I understand that
12	other areas will may have to be added to
13	it, but Horry County has its own culture. And
14	its needs need to be represented in congress.
15	We have our economy here in Myrtle Beach we
16	have 12,000 tourist a year. Is that the right
17	number? Or 12,000,000 a year?
18	REP. CLEMMONS: That's more like it, yes, sir.
19	MR. DUGAN: Right. And most of those tourist get
20	here by car. And this summer, I mean, we see
21	what is happening to the world around us where
22	the middle east is in chaos and we're seeing a
23	\$3.60 gasoline now. By the summer we're
24	likely to see four and \$5 gasoline. And
25	that's going to hurt our tourist business in

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Myrtle Beach. And if we have the tourists 1 2 having to sit for hours on 501 to get to Myrtle Beach, we're going to have even less 3 tourism than we would have under bad economic 4 conditions. And with taxes that tourist bring 5 to the state from the Myrtle Beach area and 6 7 from all of Horry County are totally 8 inordinate compared to other congressional 9 districts in this state. We pay a much higher 10 rate of taxes. And we don't get that money in 11 A lot of that money stays in return. 12 Columbia. So there are -- Horry County 13 happens to be the largest county east of the 14 And with its Mississippi, geographically. 15 population growth in the past ten years and 16 the anticipated population growth in the next 17 ten years, we're not going to get a chance to 18 draw another district for ten years -- 2021. 19 So if we experience an economic recovery and 20 have people from the north moving down to the 21 south, as history has shown us they will when 22 they retire, we don't get a chance five years 23 from now to draw Horry County as a new 24 congressional district. This is our shot 25 right now. And I feel very strongly that we

need an advocate in the Congress of the United 1 2 States who will address our infrastructure needs such as 501. Everybody talks about 73 3 and that's where all the focus is and that's 4 5 where the -- I apologize for the word escaping But that's where the -- we fund 100 6 me. million dollars studies for I73 but we can 7 never get enough money together to come up 8 9 with the billions and billions of dollars that 10 -- earmarks was the word that was escaping me. 11 173, in my opinion, and I believe Congressman 12 Scott shares this opinion, needs to stand on 13 its legislation. If it's a five million --14 billion dollar project now, getting 100 15 million dollars in earmarks is not going to 16 take it anywhere except more and more studies 17 for the next five years when it will be a ten 18 billion dollar project. But that's where the 19 focus is, and, yet, the people living in Horry 20 County now have to be on a daily basis with 21 the horrendous traffic on 501. If there is a 22 single accident on that road you cannot get to 23 Myrtle Beach in a reasonable amount of time. 24 They were doing construction near Coastal 25 Carolina yesterday and I was 20 minutes late

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1	for a meeting after allowing an extra ten
2	minutes of travel from Conway to Myrtle Beach.
3	And we're not in the summer yet. We need an
4	advocate who will take care of the needs of
5	the current residents of Horry County and the
6	anticipated population increase that we all
7	expect. Thank you very much for your time.
8	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Dugan.
9	(Applause)
10	REP. CLEMMONS: Ms. Debbie Harwell. I note her
11	group affiliation is citizen. Welcome Citizen
12	Harwell.
13	MS. HARWELL: That's my official. My official
14	stance here is citizen. I just have three
15	points to make. One, I felt like our
16	association with Charleston we are a more
17	rural area than Charleston and we have much
18	more in common with Florence and Georgetown
19	than we did with Charleston. So I think that
20	would be a better bid. The second point is
21	that I am chairman of the freight and railroad
22	committee for the state of South Carolina.
23	And we're talking about corridors from the
24	interstate and counties to put together. On
25	top of that, I'd like to see the counties we

really need Marion and Dillon County in with 1 2 our mix in order to provide a corridor to move people and freight. Mr. Dugan's exactly 3 I believe that we will be having 4 right. an influx of a lot of population into this 5 6 area and we've got to prepare our 7 infrastructure for it in order to get these 8 people in and out so we will have a way in and 9 out of here. And for economic development, 10 economic development there's people here that 11 just don't have jobs. I mean, we have got to 12 figure out a way for these people to have 13 Providing I73 with the earmark, I jobs. 14 believe there's another way. There's another 15 way that we can do that. The third point I 16 believe that as far as our local races here, I 17 believe that the waterway is a natural barrier 18 for us here in Horry County. And appreciate 19 you so much for coming. 20 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you very much, Ms. Harwell. 21 The next person to sign up is, first name 22 Ronald. Second name starts with a H. And,

I'm sorry, but I can't read the rest. He is
with the Myrtle Beach Tea Party from 3293 -UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sir, I may have signed the

l list. I thought ma	aybe that was a sign in
2 sheet. I have no o	comments other than what's
3 been made.	
4 REP. CLEMMONS: Quite all	l right.
5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Th	ney were made very well.
6 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you	ı so much, sir.
7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So	orry about that.
8 REP. CLEMMONS: That's qu	uite all right. Mr. Chuck
9 Collins. Also Cit:	izen Collins.
10 MR. COLLINS: My name is	Chuck Collins. I live at
11 511 First Avenue So	outh in North Myrtle Beach.
12 My wife and I moved	d to the that address in
13 2007 after having v	visited and stayed with
14 family in the area	for almost 30 years. We
15 love Horry County,	love North Myrtle Beach.
16 But as Mr. Dugan me	entioned we are the largest
17 county east of the	Mississippi. We
18 also happen to be t	the poorest county, as far
19 as income, in the e	entire USA. That was
20 reported in the new	wspaper and also on the web
21 within the last two	o weeks, I believe. So we
22 are also a communit	ty that many retirees from
23 up north are focuse	ed on. They want to come
24 here. We have a ve	ery nice community. You
25 know, and with a re	etiree population that

brings new business opportunities. 1 And as 2 they look at the business opportunities they see that we don't have any infrastructure, we 3 don't have that much technical skills in the 4 5 area, and we won't have those unless we get the infrastructure, the I73 that Dick 6 mentioned and several others. So we need to 7 have the basics first, and that's partly the 8 9 infrastructure that will help grow our 10 technical education drawing more businesses. 11 And we've got to expand our enterprise base to 12 more than just services and tourism. The 13 waterway is an important transportation 14 vehicle that needs to be reconsidered. And if we can include the counties that were 15 16 mentioned by a previous lady, and I did not 17 write her name down, for rail transportation 18 we need the help in this section of the 19 country -- of the state. Spartanburg area, 20 the western parts of the state already have infrastructure, education, all of the building 21 22 blocks that drive their economic engine. We 23 don't have that many building blocks available 24 to us today. So if we don't get this now, 25 then you've just constrained the northeastern

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1	part of the state to be to remain is one of
2	the poorest counties, from an income base, in
3	the United States. Thank you for your time.
4	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for your time, Mr.
5	Collins. Next we have County Councilman Carl
6	Schwarzkopf.
7	MR. SCHWARZKOPF: (Inaudible) citizen at this time
8	that wants to express their concerns.
9	REP. CLEMMONS: Spoken like a true public servant,
10	Mr. Schwarzkopf. Thank you, sir. Marla
11	Hambey with Carolina Patriots and Waccamaw
12	Republican Club.
13	MR. HAMBEY: Well, I am Marla Marla Hambey and I
14	live in Pawleys Island, 54 Percival Court. I
15	echo pretty much the same sentiments that many
16	others have made this evening. But a couple
17	of points I'd like to make. In Georgetown
18	County they keep talking about our port. And
19	I realized that Charleston has a larger block,
20	and they're certainly wealthier than we are.
21	I do think that we need our own congressman,
22	though I am quite thrilled with Tim Scott. I
23	think he's doing a wonderful job, so I'm not
24	knocking him, but if we had our representative
25	he would, or she, would be able to concentrate

on our area. We cannot ask that they dredge 1 2 the port and improve traffic, marine traffic coming in with the port if we don't have 3 If we bring in the ships, we've got to 4 roads. 5 have a way to get the merchandise or whatever 6 that that's on those ships dispersed 7 throughout the county. And it would improve 8 the economy of not only Georgetown but of the 9 inland areas. Now, I know there was a 10 proposal in North Carolina for port 11 improvement that gotten voted down. They were 12 going to put a port in South Port, and that is 13 no more. So I really think we should seize 14 upon that opportunity. And I get nervous 15 speaking in public. The inland places could 16 benefit from the warehouses and container 17 depots from that port expansion. And I don't 18 know how we're going to get it. I know that 19 we are in a huge financial crisis. But 20 something's got to happen. Now I have an 21 unpopular, radical solution to our county's 22 budget problems and the economy. We could 23 just not have anymore congressmen increased, 24 just increase the population that they cover. 25 Thereby, doing away with the salary of the

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1	congressmen, the retirement and the health
2	care and the staff of another congressman
3	which would save I don't how many hundreds of
4	thousands of dollars. But if we did that
5	nationwide, we'd save a lot of money.
6	(Applause)
7	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Ms. Hamby. Actually,
8	that's a very good idea and it's not novel.
9	As a matter of fact, reapportionment which we
10	just went through equalizes all of the
11	population in every congressional district
12	throughout the United States. The number
13	stays the same of congressmen, it's just
14	divided out so it's evenly represented by all
15	population. So we're not adding a
16	new congressman to congress. We have received
17	the seat from another area that's lost
18	population. So that's the way it will work.
19	But thank you for comments, Ms. Hambey. Keep
20	those thoughts coming. Mr. Charlie Luquire.
21	Welcome, sir, help me with your last name.
22	MR. LUQUIRE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. It's good to have you
24	with us, sir.
25	MR. LUQUIRE: My name is Charlie Luquire, and I will

1 thank you for the opportunity to make a 2 comment today. I live in Georgetown County. I live at Pawleys Island. My comments will 3 primarily be addressed to House District 108, 4 but I'll also touch on the new congressional 5 б district that will be established. And my 7 comment is on my own behalf and perhaps some of my friends and neighbors who share 8 9 similar views. House District 108 includes, 10 as you know, the eastern part of Georgetown 11 County and extends into Charleston County. We 12 have many friends and have enjoyed a good 13 relationship with the Charleston portion of 14 the current district. On the other hand, our 15 coastal Georgetown community, really all of Georgetown County , also has ties to southern 16 17 Therefore, with redistricting Horry County. 18 and with continued growth in our area of 19 Georgetown County our goal is to keep our 20 House seat centered in the coastal portion of 21 Georgetown County. Additionally, with regard 22 to the new congressional district, there are 23 compelling reasons, we believe, for having 24 the center of gravity of a new congressional 25 district in the northeastern corner of South

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Some of the other speakers have 1 Carolina. 2 certainly spoken of that point. With a configuration similar to an earlier district 3 of which Georgetown County was a part, the old 4 6th District, it makes sense to us in the --5 in House -- that South Carolina House District 6 7 108 be included in the new 7th Congressional 8 District. As somebody has already stated, we 9 anticipate the counties of Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Florence, Darlington, Marion, 10 11 Marlboro, Dillon and perhaps Chesterfield will 12 be included as part of the 7th District, the 13 new district. The South Carolina Senate and 14 House have expressed a number of principles 15 that have been put forth to guide 16 redistricting. They include preserving the 17 core of prior assignments -- alignments, 18 avoiding contest between incumbents, 19 recognizing communities of interest and maintaining integrity of political assignments 20 -- alignments. I believe that having the 21 22 center of gravity of House Seat 108 in coastal 23 and Georgetown County and included in the 7th 24 Congressional District fulfills those 25 principles that I just said. Thank you for

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1	allowing me to speak.
2	REP. CLEMMONS: We appreciate your comments, sir.
3	Thank you.
4	MR. LUQUIRE: I have a copy of this.
5	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, you may. Mr. Brian Scott.
6	While our speaker's coming forward, we have
7	Representative Carl Anderson with us from
8	Georgetown County in the back and
9	Representative Seth Whipper. Representative
10	Seth Whipper. Representative Whipper is from
11	Charleston with us here on my right-hand side.
12	Welcome. Good to have you gentlemen with us.
13	(Applause)
14	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir, Mr. Scott.
15	MR. SCOTT: Yeah, Brian Scott, 3311 Palm Street,
16	North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I have a
17	comment that's more of a perfect world comment
18	rather than a practical one. And I know that
19	redistricting is not a practical science. My
20	suggestion is that you do not split precincts.
21	That we have problems I've worked as a poll
22	worker and I've been a candidate. I went to
23	my poll at Windy Hill and they gave me a
24	ballot and I was on the ballot for County
25	Council and I was not on the ballot they gave

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I complained about it. They asked me to 1 me. 2 leave. I finally got a provisional ballot, but, of course, provisional ballots aren't 3 4 counted until after elections are usually announced. I know that Marion Foxworth won an 5 б election by questioning whether the people got 7 the right ballots and it turned the election 8 because when -- I've worked as a poll worker. 9 You work in general elections twelve 10 hours every two years and you're not up on 11 it when you first get there and in the first 12 two hours mistakes are made. And that's when 13 a good portion of people vote. So if you 14 could somehow -- I know it has nothing to do 15 with the process you're in. If you could make 16 it where precincts only had one ballot for 17 everybody in that precinct. REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Scott, we appreciate 18 19 your input. 20 (Applause) 21 REP. CLEMMONS: Michelle Reagan. Ms. Reagan, 208 22 Shorewood Drive. Mr. Bill Wiggand. 23 MR. WIGGAND: I signed that list. I see on here I 24 did make a mistake, too, but I'd like to say a 25 few things.

REP. CLEMMONS: Take advantage of the opportunity, 1 2 Mr. Wiggand. MR. WIGGAND: I'm Bill Wiggand from 309 Crescent 3 4 Drive in Conway, South Carolina. I'm in the 5 real estate business. Horry County is a huge 6 county. I mean it's huge. If you don't 7 believe it, jump in the truck and pack your 8 It's going to be a ride. lunch. I trust 9 y'all to draw the lines, because, you know, 10 that's what we -- you know, we voted you for. 11 And I welcome a new seat with open arms. 12 REP. CLEMMONS: You're speaking of a new 13 congressional seat, Mr. Wiggand? 14 MR. WIGGAND: Yeah. Yeah. I think we need to cut 15 the taxes to get industry back into this And I'm a believer in fair tax. About 16 state. 17 73, I wish they would cut 73 back and let's 18 work on that (inaudible) program that Nelson 19 brought up. You give the people from 20 the south get away you know, out at the beach. 21 You know, Coastal just spent 100 billion on 22 that master plan. I think we can spend some 23 money and let the people in the south end have 24 a way to get out. Thank you. 25 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Wiggand. Mr. Al

48 Thank you. Mr. Teague. 1 Teaque. Welcome, 2 sir. MR. TEAGUE: I'm Al Teague, and I'm representing no 3 4 kin to other Teagues in the Conway area, by 5 the way. REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. б MR. TEAGUE: But I'm 5355 Red Bluff Road in Loris. 7 8 My wife and I also own a home 911 South 9 Highway 501 in Marion. I vote here in Horry 10 County, though, out in the Red Bluff area. Ι 11 work with the homeless in Myrtle Beach and I'm 12 also a board member of ECHO, which is Eastern 13 Carolina Homeless Organization. And which is interesting because we include Horry County, 14 15 Georgetown, Williamsburg, Marion, Dillon, 16 Walterboro, Darlington and Florence. We also 17 connected up with Sumter. But those counties, 18 we have a -- the largest population of 19 homelessness is in Horry County. Everybody 20 thinks of Greenville, Columbia and Charleston. 21 But we really have a big problem down here in 22 Horry County. So because of that we have 23 special needs. I'm kind of of the opinion 24 that maybe the federal government's not going 25 to be in a position to help out that much.

But what's important is that we have local 1 2 leadership which would include that new district. Leadership to participate in the 3 solutions, because there are some solutions 4 5 for homelessness. I'm also advisory committee 6 of a new company that's our corporation or 7 non-profit that's trying to solve the homeless It's been done in other communities. 8 problem. 9 Miami -- the Miami folks have already gone 10 from 8,000 homeless to 800 homeless in their 11 town, and they know how it impacts tourism. 12 They know how it impacts crime and also how it 13 impacts real estate values. So we've got a 14 lot of incentive for our area to solve that Interestingly, a lot of our homeless 15 problem. 16 come from rural areas, because if you start 17 looking at the towns of Marion -- or the county of Marion, Dillon, Walterboro and those 18 19 areas, they have extremely high poverty rates 20 and when we see all the buses coming in on 501 21 in the morning, that's where they're coming 22 from to get the jobs. Interestingly, a lot of 23 those people have the ability to get 24 technical jobs but need a way to get there. 25 They have the intelligence to do it, but they

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1	don't have the skills to get those jobs.
2	So it's a benefit to our area to work with
3	some of that population to get them employable
4	so that they can be a part of the solution. I
5	think we need the leadership from a district
6	level. I commend Tim Scott. I've talked to
7	him about the problems. But I think for our
8	area we have a particular problem that's
9	impacted the state, so. And it also connects
10	up with our homeless coalition. We work a lot
11	with Florence in solving problems. So thank
12	you for your attention.
13	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Teague. Eugene
14	Geraldo. Welcome, Mr. Geraldo.
15	MR. GERALDO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank
16	you for the job that you do as our
17	Representative.
18	REP. CLEMMONS: My pleasure, sir. Thank you.
19	MR. GERALDO: I'm Eugene Geraldo, and I've lived in
20	Myrtle Beach for 43 years. I live at 809
21	Duncan Avenue on the north end of Myrtle. And
22	I'd like to take this opportunity to back up
23	Daniel Cochran on all of the things that he
24	has proposed with the quarter that we have in
25	the northeastern section. I think that many

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1	of the people who have spoken have brought up
2	a lot of problems that we have in this area.
3	And I feel that we have good representation
4	that can do something about these problems,
5	especially the 501. That's our lifeline.
6	And if we don't do something about it then
7	we're going to wind up with a lot of problems.
8	That's about all I have to say. Thank you.
9	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Geraldo. We
10	appreciate your comments. Ladies and
11	gentlemen, that exhausts the list of those
12	that we have signed up to speak tonight. A
13	number of folks have walked in since we picked
14	up the sign-in sheet. I would now invite any
15	additional comments that would like to be
16	made. We would invite you to raise your hand
17	and I will recognize you. Mr. John Bon
18	Signor, would you please come forward, sir.
19	UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You got two over here too
20	when you
21	REP. CLEMMONS: We will get everybody that wishes to
22	make comment. We will get to you, Mr. Mickey.
23	MR. BON SIGNOR: Mr. Chairman.
24	REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Bon Signor.
25	MR. BON SIGNOR: Members of the Board
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1	REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Bon Signor, for the record
2	MR. BON SIGNOR: John Bon Signor.
3	REP. CLEMMONS: And your address.
4	MR. BON SIGNOR: 1425 Teague Road, Myrtle Beach,
5	29577.
б	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, sir.
7	MR. BON SIGNOR: I come here today, Mr. Chairman, to
8	urge all of you to consider when you're
9	redistricting please consider extending the
10	congressional line into the area of the south
11	strand. Continue to keep it in the south
12	strand. And the reason for that is that we
13	need federal funds for our roads there.
14	We need to get evacuation from the south
15	strand because during a emergency or an
16	unusual occurrence or a hurricane, we have no
17	place to go. We are grid locked, we're
18	blocked. And you gentlemen are concerned with
19	the safety, I'm certain, of its citizens. So
20	when you're drafting the lines consider that.
21	And also with respect to the area of Carolina
22	Forest that's growing by leaps and bounds
23	consider putting a district right within that
24	center because that's the heart and soul of a
25	new development that we have there. So,

gentlemen, you have an awesome -- and ladies, 1 2 you have an awesome responsibility and I'm glad to see that I have our legislator here, 3 Nelson Hardwick, from the south strand that 4 has worked very tirelessly, especially in my 5 area, when we can't get out of our development 6 because of the terrible traffic jams we have 7 each morning. And we're risking our lives to 8 9 get across going southbound or northbound on 10 17 bypass because we have no way at all for a 11 traffic stop or a traffic light, so we're 12 risking our lives. Brought this to the 13 attention of the Honorable Thad Viers who's 14 looking into it. And nothing has been done 15 yet. Hopefully something will be done. So, 16 therefore, you gentlemen here have the 17 responsibility to protect the lives and the safety of your constituents. Thank you, Mr. 18 19 Chairman. 20 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Bon Signor. We had some hands in the back here. Come on up. 21 22 REP. SELLERS: Mr. Chairman? 23 REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. REP. SELLERS Mr. Chairman, as our next speaker 24 25 comes forward, if Mr. DiSabato -- did I

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1	pronounce that correctly? I hope so. If he
2	is still here, I do have one relatively quick
3	question I would like to ask him and answer as
4	we proceed throughout the evening.
5	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you very much. If Mr.
6	DiSabato is here I don't see raise your
7	hand, Mr. DiSabato. There? No. I thought I
8	saw him, but I don't think I do. I think he's
9	left us.
10	REP. SELLERS: Okay. Well, we can grab him after
11	our speaker.
12	REP. CLEMMONS: He's coming back in the door now.
13	Mr. DeSabato, there's going to be a question
14	for you after this speaker, if you'd stand by.
15	Thank you very much. Come right ahead.
16	MR. JAMES: Good afternoon, Subcommittee, Mr. Allen.
17	My name Mickey James, Myrtle Beach NAACP.
18	First of all, good to be here in front of this
19	distinguished group.
20	REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. James, we're honored to have
21	you.
22	MR. JAMES: I just want to listen to My address
23	is 1205 Washington Street in Myrtle Beach.
24	And as far as John is concerned, he can park
25	his car, John, and save some gas.
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1 MR. BON SIGNOR: Thank you.

2 MR. JAMES: That way nobody won't run you over, My good friend, John. 3 John. But, anyway, I want to be very brief. Alan, there's a lot of 4 things this entire committee that I don't 5 understand in full, but I do understand to 6 7 some degree by talking to other folks that the 8 minority population is less than twelve 9 percent in Horry County. And redrawing these 10 lines would have a very significant impact on 11 the status of those numbers as far as 12 redistricting is concerned. I mean I have a 13 minority district as far as blacks in Horry 14 I do wish this committee would County. consider not only just for blacks but just a 15 16 fair representation for all people when 17 they're redrawing these lines. And I heard --I concur with a lot of folks that spoke 18 19 earlier prior to my arrival that there are 20 some issues as far as the economy is concerned 21 and jobs, education. Those things will be 22 impacted in this redistricting process. So we 23 ask that when you do examine closely and 24 distinctively the avenues that have been 25 presented to you that you will look at the

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1		population of minorities of Hispanics, blacks
2		and other areas that when it come down to
3		voting populus that we want to have the best
4		representative whether she he or she be
5		black or white. So we want to make sure that
6		we get the proper representation. Thank you.
7	REP.	SELLERS: Mr. Clemmons?
8	REP.	CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. James. Mr. James,
9		would you stand up would you come back to
10		the microphone for just one second. Mr.
11		Sellers has a question.
12	REP.	SELLERS: Thank you so much, Mr. James. And
13		I'm kind of glad that you brought that up
14		today because one thing that I believe the
15		committee, and in particular, various members
16		of this committee are cognizant of or what are
17		deemed or considered majority/minority
18		districts or the such. But just from your
19		understanding of Horry County can you tell us
20		some communities in which there are I mean,
21		it's not a whole lot. It's twelve percent.
22		But where there are some communities of
23		African-Americans or minority populations just
24		so that when we do draw these districts we're
25		not just because we look at communities of

57 And one thing I don't want to do is 1 interest. 2 just make sure that we're disbursing a little bit here and disbursing a little bit there and 3 there when we can keep communities of interest 4 5 as a whole. So if you can outline where some 6 of those communities may be, I think that 7 would be beneficial for me and the rest of the committee as well. 8 9 MR. JAMES: Okay, Mr. Sellers and the rest of the 10 committee. My understanding the Bucksport 11 area is a very large aggregated area of 12 minorities of blacks in Bucksport. If you've 13 ever heard of that area it's almost near Georgetown on 701, if I'm correct. Also, you 14 have probably a large population in the Wampee 15 and Longs area are blacks that live in this 16 17 area. And there's other areas that I really 18 can't recall. Just so vast area. But I would 19 definitely have more information and I could 20 pass it on to Representative Clemmons later. 21 But I don't want to go up here with a false 22 idea, the false information. But I do know 23 Bucksport is very highly, percentage wise, 24 minority. We do have Representative James 25 Frasier on county council that's from that

And I do understand that he could be 1 area. 2 jeopardized with the new redistricting process because of the way the lines going to be 3 This is my understanding. But there 4 drawn. 5 are other areas. Like I say, Longs area and probably Wampee, little small rural 6 7 communities right outside of the north end. And, if I'm not mistaken, those are probably 8 9 the only ones I can think of at this time. 10 But maybe somebody else in the audience may 11 know a little more than I do as far as the 12 exact numbers. Because most of the blacks 13 live in the rural areas in Horry County. 14 They're scattered out throughout. REP. SELLERS: Thank you so much for that. 15 16 MR. JAMES: Okay. 17 REP. SELLERS: Thank you. REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. James. Mr. DiSabato, 18 19 would you come forward for a moment for a 20 question by Mr. Sellers? 21 REP. SELLERS: Since I'm on a roll. Thank you so 22 much, Mr. DiSabato. I'm sorry we -- you 23 were headed to dinner and we had to bring you 24 back in. I apologize. Because I'm a little 25 hungry --

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1	MR. DISABATO: I wish I was headed to dinner. I'm
2	actually going back to work.
3	REP. SELLERS: hungry myself. I don't mean to
4	take you away you from that. Carolina Forest,
5	can you tell me the size of Carolina Forest?
6	I mean, is it an incorporated area? Tell me -
7	- I'm trying to understand, because a lot of
8	people have spoken about Carolina Forest being
9	a district hub, and I just want to know the
10	numbers.
11	MR. DISABATO: It's not an incorporated area, so
12	it's not its own city or municipality. As far
13	as the area goes, I'm not sure what the
14	linear, you know, mileage in Carolina Forest
15	is. I can give you some boundaries
16	REP. SELLERS: Some boundaries will be good. Yeah,
17	that will be cool.
18	MR. DISABBADO: Carolina Forest generally goes or
19	what's considered Carolina Forest runs from
20	International Drive down River Oaks Drive to
21	501, up 501 to either Carolina Forest
22	Boulevard or Gardner Lacy Road, considering,
23	you know, what you consider the boundary of
24	Carolina Forest. It's kind of a gray area.
25	It's not a sharp line. It's more of a hazy

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line, to be honest with you. 1 2 REP. SELLERS: Thanks. MR. DISABADO: You're welcome. 3 4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Within that boundary is 21,000 residents --5 б MR. DISABATO: Roughly --7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- roughly? MR. DISABATO: I think it's 20,700 and change. 8 9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. 10 MR. DISABATO: You're welcome. 11 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, sir. 12 MR. DISABATO: Thank you. 13 REP. CLEMMONS: Is there anybody else with us 14 tonight that would like to be heard? Yes, 15 ma'am, in the back. Please come forward. 16 Good evening. 17 MS. KOLMAN: Good evening. REP. CLEMMONS: Please share your name and address 18 19 with us. 20 MS. KOLMAN: Okay. I'm Nancy Kolman. It's K-o-l-m-21 And it's 147 Redtail Hawk Loop, and I'm a-n. 22 from Pawleys Island, South Carolina. I am 23 currently the chair of the Democrat party in 24 Georgetown County. I've heard a lot about 25 Horry County and what is needed here because

of the tourism. And Georgetown County we have 1 2 a need to see that the port is dredged and we need a highway there also. We're more of an 3 industrial area. And at this point in order 4 5 to get our products out of there or to bring 6 in more business and corporations we need to 7 have a way of getting products out of the 8 area, and there is none. And also on -- I'd 9 like for you to consider, too, we in 10 Georgetown, at least on the Democratic side, 11 are happy with the way or legislative 12 districts are laid out. I have heard some 13 statements by some of the legislative members 14 that they would like to push those lines north 15 up into Horry, do away with our part of 16 Charleston County and of the City of 17 Georgetown for the 108 and things like that. And I don't think that that would be a fair 18 19 way of distributing. And so I ask you as you 20 are working on this as the committee to 21 consider that also. And I think that's about 22 Our congressman who is doing, I will say, it. 23 -- our new congressman is doing a much better 24 job than our past one. And so we're very 25 happy about that. But he is not considering

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1	dredging the port. And that is a big hangup
2	for us because we do need it dredged to get
3	the product there. Thank you very much.
4	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for your comments. One
5	moment, ma'am. Could you come back to the
6	microphone for just a moment?
7	MS. KOLMAN: Certainly.
8	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you. Mr. Young has a
9	question.
10	MS. KOLMAN: Sir?
11	REP. YOUNG: Ms. Kolman, thank you very much. One
12	of the previous speakers, in talking about the
13	House district that makes up the area from, I
14	guess, Murrells Inlet House District 108,
15	had specifically suggested that the area north
16	of Broogreen Gardens be included in a
17	different district. The area south of
18	Brookgreen Gardens would stay in 108. What
19	are your thoughts on that?
20	MS. KOLMAN: Basically, as I said, I'm not so sure
21	we want to move further north. We seem to
22	what we have in our area basically serves the
23	purpose of Georgetown County, the 103 and the
24	108. And to move those lines to any great
25	area, distance, I don't think it would be to

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1		our benefit. Because I know that's split up	
2		in that area, you know, and it's very split up	
3		in there because it's there's some area	
4		that is not covered with housing and all at	
5		this time and all. And it's been a question	
6		for a long time. So, I don't I	
7		really don't have any comment on that. I	
8		don't really want to include that, I don't	
9		believe. That it would be the benefit of	
10		Georgetown County, anyway.	
11	REP.	YOUNG: So you like the existing lines the way	
12		they are?	
13	MS. I	KOLMAN: Like them a lot better, yes. We're	
14		happy with the lines the way they are because	
15		they take in an area that I think is	
16		proportioned to the population, as far as	
17		political parties and all are concerned.	
18	REP.	YOUNG: Well, I think the previous speaker had	
19		suggested that the area north of Brookgreen	
20		Gardens had more in common with, say, the	
21		Surfside area than it did with Northern	
22		Charleston County and some parts of	
23		Georgetown. Do you agree or disagree	
24	MS. I	KOLMAN: I agree with that. I mean, I	
25		definitely agree. I agree that they are more	

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1	that they do have more in common with the
2	Horry County group area.
3	REP. YOUNG: All right. Thank you.
4	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Ms. Kolman. Thank you,
5	Mr. Young. Mr. DiSabato, did you wish to
6	address the panel again?
7	MR. DISABATO: I would.
8	REP. CLEMMONS: Please come forward.
9	MR. DISABATO: I'd also like to just mention that
10	there those are the clearly defined lines
11	of Carolina Forest. There are areas
12	surrounding Carolina Forest that I think are
13	in pretty much the same boat as the Carolina
14	Forest community, and that would be areas like
15	Myrtle Beach National, which fall on the
16	northern side of Gardener Lacy line. Parts of
17	Forest Brook, which are on the other side of
18	501, West Perry, that they're contiguous
19	and kind of have the same interest that
20	Carolina Forest does. So you may want to
21	consider expanding your view of Carolina
22	Forest with regard to, you know, political
23	interests of a community. And I'd also just
24	like to echo some of the sentiments that my
25	friends in Loris have mentioned, but I'm sure

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they won't be happy with me for saying this. 1 2 There's a lot of undeveloped subdivisions within Carolina Forest as well that if the 3 housing economy does come back and we do see 4 some relocation from the north into this area, 5 that you're going to see a lot of that --6 7 that's going to make the population growth from 21,000 to who knows, 25, 26,000 people. 8 9 And I think that that needs to be taking into consideration as well. And also one more 10 11 thing. Carolina Forest is an interesting 12 community in the fact that it's kind of 13 considered the melting pot of Horry County. 14 You got a lot of different people from a 15 lot of different areas in there. So, I mean, 16 it's just a very interesting part of Horry 17 I think that should be considered County. 18 when you're making your decisions. Thank you. 19 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you very much, Mr. DiSabato. We have Clark Parker with us. I think Mr. 20 Parker would like to address us. 21 Mr. Parker, 22 share with us your address, if you would, for 23 the record. MR. PARKER: I'm at 8970 Shady Branch Road in Myrtle 24 25 Beach, better known as Socastee.

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REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir.

2 MR. PARKER: Welcome to Myrtle Beach and Horry County, guys and ladies. And appreciate you 3 coming here and being part of the process as 4 well as leading us in this process. 5 My question is, Alan, is the time line. What are 6 7 we looking at as far as a time table for this 8 process? 9 REP. CLEMMONS: The public input period is going to 10 -- these regional hearings that we're holding 11 will run through next week. At the end of 12 that we will begin the actual process of 13 looking at maps and working through the 14 legislative process of putting together a 15 subcommitte proposal to be heard by the full 16 committee and the House Judiciary and then to 17 be debated on the House floor. We fully 18 expect -- no, strike that. We must have a 19 legislative plan in place by the end of 20 August. And that is our plan to have that in 21 place by the end of August so that we can then 22 move on to the next phase of obtaining pre-23 clearance from the Department of Justice or 24 the federal courts. 25

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MR. PARKER: Thank you. Welcome and thank you.

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1	anything we can do help proceed that
2	process or speed it up we'd be glad to help
3	any way we can. Thank y'all for being here,
4	Alan.
5	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Parker.
6	MR. PARKER: You're welcome.
7	REP. CLEMMONS: We appreciate it. We have another
8	hand. Mr. Johnny Friar.
9	MR. FRIAR: Good evening. My name's Johnny Friar,
10	4887 Magnolia Point Lane, Myrtle Beach, 29577.
11	I hope our visitors found the weather here
12	accommodating today. My argument for a
13	District 7 for the northeastern part of the
14	state has less to do with culture and more to
15	do with the economies of two different cities:
16	Myrtle Beach, Horry County and Charleston.
17	Both areas gather a lot of their income from -
18	- or revenue from tourism. And it's a common
19	known fact that there's a rivalry between
20	Charleston and Myrtle Beach. And there's
21	nothing wrong with that but it doesn't seem
22	expedient to have one man or one person
23	representing two different rival cities. In
24	many regards, it's seen as a zero sum gain.
25	They either go to Charleston or they go to

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1	Myrtle Beach. I don't know if that's 100
2	percent true, but there's a strong rivalry
3	between the two cities for tourist. And to
4	have one person fight for two different cities
5	for those same tourist doesn't seem feasible.
6	I think there needs to be two people
7	representing each area for those tourist
8	dollars and tourists. Thank you.
9	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Friar. I have a hand
10	at the back, ma'am. Would you like to come
11	forward and speak? Yes, ma'am. Yes, ma'am,
12	that microphone. Share with us your name and
13	address, please.
14	MS. SMITH: My name is Susan Smith. My address is
15	121 Lake Shore Drive, Pawleys Island, South
16	Carolina. And I am the executive committee
17	woman for the Georgetown County Democratic
18	Party.
19	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Ms. Smith.
20	MS. SMITH: Hi. I just would like to put it on
21	record that I'm very, very happy with District
22	108 with the lines drawn as they are because
23	I, being a Democrat, am very happy with the
24	diversity that we have in District 108.
25	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you very much.

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1	MS. SMITH: Just and I'd like to have a
2	congressional district that is reflective of
3	the people who actually would like to accept
4	federal aid, like the ports, that kind of
5	thing.
6	REP. SELLERS: Can I ask a question, Mr. Clemmons.
7	REP. CLEMMONS: You may, yes, Mr. Sellers.
8	REP. SELLERS: The young lady who came before you
9	from Georgetown
10	MS. SMITH: That was my chair.
11	REP. SELLERS: Your chairwoman.
12	MS. SMITH: You can call me young lady, too
13	REP. SELLERS: I was going to say the same thing.
14	Yeah, at 24 you're doing awesome. She talked
15	about how Georgetown was a more industrial
16	area in comparison to Horry County. Would you
17	liken yourself, in thinking about the 7th
18	District, would you liken Georgetown County
19	more with aligned in terms of interest
20	communities of interest with Charleston or
21	with Horry County or both?
22	MS. SMITH: I think that being from Georgetown
23	County I would like to How's this for a
24	political answer? Something that represents
25	the needs of the citizens in Georgetown

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1	County. And we do we would like to have
2	attention and interest with the port in
3	Georgetown County. And it seems to be
4	ignored. I don't think our congressman is
5	really, in my to my knowledge, is really
6	paying much attention. And certainly our
7	local representative hasn't said too much, or
8	if anything, on record about it.
9	REP. SELLERS: Thank you.
10	MS. SMITH: We need the industry.
11	REP. SELLERS: Thank you.
12	MR. ALLEN: Mr. Chairman?
13	REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Allen.
14	REP. ALLEN: Who is 108? Who represents
15	REP. CLEMMONS: It's Kevin Ryan.
16	MS. SMITH: And I think he is in the back, as a
17	matter of fact.
18	REP. ALLEN: Okay. Okay. All right. Thank you.
19	REP. CLEMMONS: Any other questions? Ms. Smith,
20	thank you so much
21	MS. SMITH: Than you.
22	REP. CLEMMONS: for sharing with us today. Do we
23	have Mr. Sabber Saxina? Dr. Sabber Saxena.
24	Would you please come forward, sir?
25	MR. SAXENA: Thank you. I do not have anything to

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1	add to what has been said. I have a question
2	for this panel. After this thing is
3	completed, redistricting is completed, when it
4	will be implemented? In particular, will it
5	impact 2012 election?
6	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. It is intended to impact
7	the next election cycle.
8	MR. SAXINA: Okay. Thank you.
9	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. Do we have any other
10	comments from the public? Yes, sir. If you'd
11	please come forward. Good evening.
12	MR. PATTON: Good evening, gentlemen. My name is
13	Michael Patton. It's 526 Sparkleberry Drive,
14	Murrells Inlet. And regarding the gentleman
15	said before about moving the line down to
16	Brookgreen Gardens, I don't know if he meant
17	to change the county line or to change the
18	district lines. But I'll tell you the most
19	makes sense to me, I know there's been some
20	objections from Georgetown County, but I live
21	in a neighborhood called Prince Creek. And
22	half of it's in Georgetown County and half of
23	it's in Horry County. It doesn't make any
24	sense that my neighbors have different voting
25	districts than we do. We just got a new

district (inaubible) three. And I'm a member 1 2 of that. And, you know, it just doesn't make sense to split a development in half. And a 3 while ago I had spoken with Representative 4 Hardwick and we're talking about 707 being 5 widen and coming down all the way to 17 6 7 bypass. And he says we have the money to get 8 the cement plan on 707 because after that it 9 turns into Georgetown County. Now we got to 10 find the mney from Georgetown. We have it for 11 So we'll either build a road and have Horry. 12 300 yards to finish the raod and not, you 13 know, have any money. It just doesn't make 14 sense. If you can't go to Brookgreen Gardens, you know, it's like football, you move the 15 16 chains, that's a natural divider, then go to 17 Wachesaw Road and make, you know, the north 18 side of Wachesaw, Horry and, you know, then 19 Wachesaw Plantation, you know, that way. Just a natural divider from the intercoastal 20 to the inlet. That's make the most sense to 21 22 me. 23 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you for your comments on that, 24 Mr. Patton. Fortunately, we are not empowered

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to change county lines through the

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1	subcommitte. But we certainly will take your
2	comments in consideration when it comes to
3	splitting or not splitting natural areas or
4	natural subdivisions and subdivisions from
5	each other. Neighbors should be represented
6	by neighbors, I think we are hearing.
7	MR. PATTON: Right. Then what did he mean about
8	Brookgreen Gardens that
9	REP. CLEMMONS: I think I don't mean to speak for
10	him, but my understanding was that he would
11	like to see the area that's currently
12	represented by Representative Nelson Hardwick
13	on the south end of Horry County to extend
14	into Georgetown County up to Brookgreen
15	Gardens. That was my understanding.
16	MR. PATTON: That's good. I agree with that.
17	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Patton. I have a
18	hand in the back. Yes, sir, if you would come
19	forward.
20	MR. SPAIN: Greetings. Cedric Spain. 3454 Kates
21	Bay Highway, Conway, South Carolina.
22	REP. CLEMMONS: Welcome, Mr. Spain.
23	MR. SPAIN: I would like to speak towards
24	Representative Sellers question to the NAACP
25	president. There are three districts that

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could be worked -- looked at. That's House 1 2 Seat 58, which is Liston Barfield, 105 and Those districts -- and 106, in 3 106. particular, because I've been questioning our 4 5 councilman for several years with Bucksport, 6 their district Representative Hardwick being 7 across the waterway. And to give them fair 8 representation why not leave them in House 9 Seat 58 and that in order for Mr. Hardwick to get to his district, part of that district, 10 11 he's either going to hav to go through the 12 woods, through boat or either drive all the 13 way around to get to Bucksport. So in respect 14 to trying to give fairness with a minority 15 district, and 106 is Hearn's district, if you 16 look at those districts and the way they were 17 Gerrymandered, those 2,000 and some African-18 Americans that are in 106 that are out there, 19 it's basically you left them -- they're on an 20 island by themselves. So to give some fair 21 play to it and, too, and secure possibly a 22 minority district, look at 105, 106 and 58 and 23 that will give some fairness to Horry County. 24 Thank you so much. 25 REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Spain.

75 REP. ALLEN: Mr. Chairman? 1 2 REP. CLEMMONS: Mr. Spain, would you come back to the microphone for just a moment for a 3 question by Representative Allen? 4 REP. ALLEN: Thank you, sir. I just want to 5 6 understand. You're speaking a little fast for 7 me on the -- you got about 2,000 residents in 8 106 of African-American. That's what you're 9 saying, correct? 10 MR. SPAIN: Correct. 11 REP. ALLEN: Now, that -- you mentioned 105 and 58 -12 13 MR. SPAIN: Well, looking at the voting. I was just 14 looking at your --REP. ALLEN: Sure. 15 16 MR. SPAIN: -- records here that was presented this 17 evening. In looking at that and trying to 18 REP. ALLEN: Okay. 19 understand it where does 105 come into the boundaries at? Is that adjacent to it or --20 21 MR. SPAIN: In George Hearn's district, 105, 22 encompassing -- I want to speak -- like I say, 23 have facts. I have to look at an actual map. 24 But talking about race path one and two, those 25 are heavily African-American population in

1	Horry in Conway area. And going further
2	out some parts of the Allentown area off
3	of 701 North out in that area going towards
4	to Loris and those areas and you have another
5	pocket, not much, but on Highway 90, that's
6	another area out on there off skirts there
7	which leads up to Wampee in those areas.
8	That's some of those areas are
9	REP. ALLEN: So those would be the same areas that
10	the prior gentleman that spoke for NAACP was
11	speaking of?
12	MR. SPAIN: Right. And some But I was just
13	wanting to give you districts that you could
14	look at that were already, especially with
15	being I'm in 58. And then looking at 106
16	with espcially when he mentioned Bucksport
17	with that percentage. It's not that high a
18	percentage. I think last voting record was
19	about six or 700 African-Americans that
20	actually voted in the Bucksport community.
21	And that's called the Port Harrison precint.
22	REP. ALLEN: Okay. Thank you.
23	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you, Mr. Spain.
24	MR. SPAIN: Thank you also.
25	REP. CLEMMONS: Yes, sir. Any other questions

1	or comments? Any other comments? Last call.
2	Ladies and gentlemen, well, I just I
3	didn't close it quick enough. We've got
4	Daniel Cochran raising his hand. Mr. Cochran
5	you may come forward.
6	MR. COCHRAN: Thank you. This is just really brief
7	because somebody touched on it earlier. And I
8	was looking in my notes and I kind of missed
9	it. Wild Wing is split between two different
10	House districts and I'd like to reiterate
11	REP. CLEMMONS: Wild Wing the precinct or Wild
12	Wing the subdivision?
13	MR. COCHRAN: Yeah, Wild Wing the precinct. And I'd
14	just like to, you know, if you're trying to
15	work the precinct and try to get out to vote
16	or whatever it's kind of freaky because you're
17	like, oh, I crossed over into somebody else's,
18	I don't have to deal with it. When you're
19	drawing these lines, I'd really appreciate it,
20	and all of us would, if you'd try to keep the
21	precincts together. I know that that can't be
22	done all the time, but it would be very
23	important. And that's all I wanted to add.
24	Thanks.
25	REP. CLEMMONS: Thank you. Good input. Thank you,

Mr. Cochran. All right. Last call. Hearing nothing and seeing no further hands, I want to thank, and we want to thank, everyone of you for being here to share your comments with us tonight. This is a very important part of the redistricting process. You have had your opportunity to have public input tonight, from which we will be setting criteria, as a subcommittee, on the drawing of the political districts that will last over the next decade. So when those districts come out, look at them with pride because you've had input to make them how they are. Thank you so much for all your help tonight. We wish you well. Godspeed to you all.

(Applause)