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On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held a press conference to discuss their opposition to the Senate redistricting plan and Tier VI pension. NAACP President Hazel Dukes introduced Senator Huntley who spoke about how the redistricting plan created by Senate Republicans. Senator Huntley proclaimed that lines were drawn in such a manner that her own house was close to not being in her district and that she has to move her Jamaica District Office. Various elected officials spoke as well including Senate Minority Leader John Sampson, Senator Velmanette

Montgomery, Assemblyman Karim Camara and Assemblyman Keith Wright. Assemblyman William Boyland. Everyone involved in the press conference discussed how minority voters have been disenfranchised and that communities of color must continue to fight and have their voices heard.