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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My subdivision is located in a suburban area with surrounding businesses supporting the neighborhoods. We are west of Highway 6 by several miles, north and south of I-10, and east of Sealy. Our area is growing by leaps and bounds and the last population figure I heard was over 300,000 residents. Our identification is suburban with a good percentage of us working in Houston city limits. Before I retired, I worked in the city of Houston for over 20 years. I was often frustrated because of transportation issues. Having lived in my neighborhood for over 25 years, I know a lot of my neighbors work in Houston and share my concerns. But transportation issues in Houston are not of much concern to the residents of Freeport or West Columbia or the miles and miles of rural area around those towns. My Senate District (17) boundaries do not address my transportation issues. Other transportation issues involve the benefits of living in a suburb of a city like Houston. There are precious few convenient east/west corridors to allow us to take advantage of the sports, shopping, and cultural attractions in Houston. Sometimes I feels as if the powers that be don't even know how many of us are out here.

While I don't agree with all of my neighbors all of the time, we all live in the same area for similar reasons. That's why geography plays such a large part in carving out governmental districts. We live in the suburbs because we can afford bigger houses than if we lived in town. But we like what the city has to offer such as jobs, cultural events, sporting events, medical access. But look at the map of SD17. The fact that you can take a pencil and draw the border without picking up the pencil doesn't mean it's contiguous according to the intention of the law. I have nothing in common with people who choose to live in small towns or on acreages or ranches. Those people live far away from the city and don't need or want quick and easy access to Houston and what it offers. I want my representatives to keep me and my neighbors in mind when they create legislation. I want my representative to be a suburbanite who happens to go to Austin every other year to take care of problems that arise in my neighborhood and those like it. SD17 as currently drawn doesn't allow that to happen.

It needs to be changed.

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