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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Thank you, for the opportunity to give my personal testimony on redistricting. I live in Austin, Texas and reside in Texas Senate District 14 and Congressional District 47. I have numbered the points I want to make below:

1. It is critical that redistricting is done by our elected officials and not come independent panel. My elected officials represent me!
2. The new map should reflect one person, one vote as provided in the Constitution, and there be equal voting power in each district by those individuals who are legally eligible to vote.
3. The new redistricting map must fairly represent the voting patterns of Texas. If Texas receives new Congressional seats, they should represent the Texas population's voting pattern which is Republican.
4. I support the Texas Constitution's "Whole County Rule". It is important to minimize the splitting of counties.
5. Please keep my area in tact. The area of Austin I reside in [within Texas House District 47 and Senate District] is pretty homogenous. It is bordered by Lake Austin on the west, US Highway 183 on the north, Hwy360 on the south and Loop 1 to my east. Austin Independent School District covers this area. While this area is primarily residential there is a lot of commercial and retail businesses along the 183 and Loop 1 corridors. The majority of the population are English speakers and are economically middle to upper class residents.

Finally, my request is for the Redistricting Committee to ensure transparency through all phases of their process to come up with a viable map that equitably represents the voters of Texas.

Thank you,

Sharon Edwards

