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Message:

I am imploring you to hold additional hearings that allow public input and create a new Senate map that reflects community input and the census data. The Texas Senate must provide the public an option for virtual testimony throughout the entire special session to protect the health and safety of all Texans. The public has the right to be a part of the legislative process. Any amendments offered to a map proposal must be presented at least 5 days in advance of any vote to allow for the public to analyze the proposed amendments and advocate for or against them. It should be noted that not one redistricting map in Texas has been in compliance of the Voting Rights Act since the VRA was passed in 1965. Democrats and Republicans must turn their backs on the obvious and documented racism of the past and refuse to rubber stamp racist maps. The Census is clear 95% of all growth in Texas occurred in the AA, Latino, and AAPI communities. Any fair map must reflect the diversity of our state, where people of color can choose elected officials that share their background and values. Any map that doesn't do that is a flawed map. I live in the Dallas area, and I am Jewish. Many of the religious organizations I belong to and my Jewish friends live in what is now Senate 16. We do good work, God's work, in this district. We pray, we connect, we care for our neighbors in need and so much more. The proposed Senate maps make SD16 a clear example of splitting districts for partisan gain, and would make our area of sacred work decidedly less diverse that it is currently. As a Jew, it is important we can work together as a Jewish Community to advocate for our values we want to be reflected in our community. In the proposed maps, the Jewish Community Center of Dallas remains in SD16, but our Jewish neighbors and local synagogues including Temple Emanu-El, Temple Shalom and Congregation Shearith Israel have been reassigned to SD12, clearly splitting our community and our ability to work with our elected officials to address important issues such as anti-Semitism, supporting our neighbors Vickery Meadow (proposed SD16) and more. Proposed map lines have broken up neighborhoods and communities of interest for partisan gain. In the proposed Senate maps, a portion of SD16 has been carved out from Preston Hollow and Highland Park areas and put into SD12, however our neighbors with shared social, religious and economic interests remain in SD16. I ask that you keep our community together, those who are unfairly drawn out of SD16 into SD12 for partisan purposes will be better served if they share a Texas Senator with their neighbors. Texans who live in a densely populated urban area of Dallas do not share a majority of commonalities with their more rural neighbors in Wise County.

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