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To: Senate Redistricting

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Regarding: Senate

## Message:

• Hello Chairperson Hunter, my name is Gayle Roberts and I am a voter living in the US Congressional District TX 24, Texas House District 114, Texas Senate District 16, State Board of Education District 12

• I live in a neighborhood in Northwest Dallas that realtors since 1994 have called Loryland - my area is home to hundreds of gay and lesbian homeowners, and is considered to be one of the best locations in the Dallas area for the LGBT community to live and work. The area was dubbed "Loryland" by Lory Masters, local real estate agent, in 1994 If the 24th district was a map of the United States, my neighborhood would like the Florida Peninsula on the 24th district, with a section in the middle carved out for Congressional District 30 represented by Eddie Bernice Johnson, a majority non white district The 24th district includes a large part of Tarrant County and Dallas County and a small part of southern Denton county

My neighborhood has very little in common with Tarrant county or southern Denton county. Our issues and concerns are very different. I live blocks away from a majority hispanic community in District 30 and a largely Asian community also in District 24.

District 24 reflects a district where politicians picked their voters, my elected officials have no incentive to be responsive to the wishes of me or my local community as voters. My neighborhood and my household are demographically more similar to the surrounding area in Dallas County that is in district 32 to East and 30 in the area South of me

My congressional district and elected leaders must reflect the values of my community. I am extremely concerned about the way the district lines will be drawn particularly in light of the new voting laws that were recently legislated in Texas.

At a minimum, the lines should be redrawn to reflect the county lines wherever possible. I live 3 blocks away from those in the 32nd district who are in Dallas county.

The lines as they are drawn today do not reflect any type of geography, city or county lines. It is clear they are drawn in a way to dilute the voting power of the nonwhite, non traditional voters that live in my neighborhood.

The values that represent me in Northwest Dallas are not the same as those in suburban Tarrant county and southern Denton County that make up a large part of the 24th district. For my vote to matter, redistricting must be done to reflect the community I live in NW Dallas that is now part of the 24th congressional district. Thank you for your consideration.