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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Dear Chairwoman Huffman:

My name is Jacinto A. Ramos, Jr, and I am a member of the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Trustees where I have served since 2013. I serve district one which includes Fort Worth's historic Northside, home to one of Tarrant County's largest Hispanic communities.

In my role as a school board trustee, I work with other elected officials to ensure my district's schools have the resources and tools necessary to guarantee the success of our community for years to come. Strong leadership and an understanding of our unique neighborhoods is crucial to successfully advocating for our interests and needs.

I write because I am deeply concerned with the proposed Senate maps being considered by the Texas Senate. Specifically, I am concerned how the portion of Fort Worth ISD I represent is being removed from a district where black and brown voters can unite to elect a candidate of their choice.

The proposed Senate plan takes nearly 60,000 people from my district, 71% of which identify as Hispanic according to the 2020 census, and place them in Senate District 9 where voters in Northwest and Northeast Tarrant County suburbs will be the dominant bloc of voters in elections for the Texas Senate.

Currently, most of my district is in Texas Senate District 10. In District 10, voters in my community have the ability to work with our black and brown neighbors throughout Tarrant County and elect a candidate of our choice.

Recent election results confirm that voters in my district, and black and brown voters throughout SD10, are indeed uniting to elect candidates of our choice. In 2018, we united to elect Beverly Powell to the State Senate. Within the boundaries of SD10, black and

brown voters have successfully supported candidates of our choice for President, U.S. Senate, numerous statewide offices and for Sheriff since 2018. Since a federal court ruled that dismantling Senate District 10 was an illegal act of intentional discrimination in 2011, black and brown voters successfully supported candidates of our choice in 3 of the 5 election cycles that have ensued.

Dismantling Senate District 10 again is yet another act of intentional discrimination and will harm the constituents I represent as a Fort Worth School Board Trustee. Moreover, placing my community, and the schools I represent, in a white, suburban-controlled district will result in losing an important advocate in state government who can fight for the priorities of Fort Worth's northside and the priorities of all black and brown families across Tarrant County.

It is my hope the Senate will cease moving forward with this blatantly and intentionally discriminatory map.

Regards,

Jacinto A. Ramos, Jr

