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Message:

My husband and I moved to the Dripping Springs area a bit over 20 years ago, because I'd grown up in a small town, and we wanted to raise our daughter we were adopting in a small town with a great school. These 20+ years, I've been active in the community and the schools, and care deeply about our community.

Hays County is the 1st or 2nd fastest growing counties in the nation, depending on who's counting. We understand we can't be all in the same District again, but that's no reason to slice and dice us in ways that don't make sense, and aren't fair to our community.

Dripping Springs has escaped being cut up before, so I guess it's our turn, but please, do it in a way that keeps our communities together. Schools shouldn't be in a different District than students, but that's just what you've done. People literally living across the street from our new elementary will be in a different District than the school. And many of the students going to that school will be in a different District, making it more difficult to have a cohesive message when there is work that needs to be done on the legislative level.

South of 967, the lines on the proposed map uses a squiggly line that cuts through ranches to reach FM150- meaning some properties could even be in 2 Districts! Even the proposed Congressional maps haven't made this mistake again!

It makes much more sense to use highways, making it easier for people to understand their Districts, instead of them rolling their eyes at "politicians and their machinations," bringing even more distrust & cynicism of government, which we certainly don't need. Moving the line to 150 will mean new planned subdivisions along 967 and 1826 are in the same District as their neighbors, which makes sense.

To address the "elephant- or maybe donkey- in the room," yes, we DO want Rep. Zwiener in D45. She's been a great State Rep- fully responsive to the needs of Hays County residents. Frankly, she's by far the most District 45-focused elected state official in the 20 years we've lived here. Drawing her out just looks plain petty, to be honest, whether it was the House's intention or not. And perception is often substituted for reality. It's not good for people's trust in government, and it's really not good for our community. Please, keep us together in reasonable ways.

As a long time resident of Hays County, I hope you will take my feedback into consideration and make it easier for our communities to understand the district lines and know their district.

Please support an amendment to make the boundaries make more sense. Thank you.  
Kathi Thomas

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