Thank you Mr. Chairman and Committee Members for reviewing my request.

I live in College Station, the home of Texas A&M University, a very diverse and rapidly growing community.

Redistricting left to the discretion of partisan politicians leads to gerrymandering, regardless of party affiliation. Whichever party has a majority when it’s time to work on redistricting will use that power to set up districts that almost guarantee their re-election.

Gerrymandering contributes to hyper-partisanship in our politics and can lead to politicians who pander to lobbyists and special interests, while ignoring the people they represent.

I’m concerned about how divided we are as a state and as a country. Gerrymandering and map manipulation only make the problem worse.

I ask that the committee conduct a transparent process and draw maps that are fair, competitive, and represent ALL Texans.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.