My name is Stacy Maag I am a resident of Katy, Texas in Fort Bend County.

I live in US congressional district 22, state Senate District 18, state house district 28, and SBOE district 7. I am here as a member of Texans against gerrymandering and also representing myself.

I wanted to address the committee today to discuss the process of redistricting, Especially in the sense of a fair and open process and showing your work.

I have two children in high school right now and one of the things that they have to do for their math classes and testing is to hand in a copy of their scratch paper.

In a sense that is to help the teachers understand how they came to the answers and conclusions of their work. I would like the same from the legislature and map makers. I request that the public and constituents are able to see your work so that we as citizens can understand how and why the decisions about boundaries for the districts were made.

I understand that it may be difficult to draw boundaries for a district given the criteria you must abide by. I am asking is that the process is open and fair, that as citizens we are able to see how the maps were drawn, and any and all work is preserved and made public.

Given Texas’s history of racial discrimination and violations of the voting rights act, a legislator that presents a map for adoption should be able to explain why the map boundaries were drawn in that way and how it will impact any minority groups from electing the candidates of their choosing.

Show your work. Explain your work. Do not hide or destroy your work. Let’s make sure that this is a fair and open process.
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