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The Honorable Chair Joan Huffman  
Senate Special Committee on Redistricting  
Sam Houston Building 455  
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Huffman and Members of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting,

Thank you for giving the public an opportunity to provide input on the redistricting process by holding regional hearings. It is my hope that the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting will schedule another round of regional hearings once the Census releases the detailed demographic data this summer and the Legislature begins to draw maps. As you know, due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and litigation under the former administration to exclude undocumented people from the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has significantly postponed when the apportionment count will be delivered to the President of the United States. Accordingly, the timeline for when the Texas Legislature usually receives data has been delayed but I respectfully request that you ensure a fair and transparent process once the Committee begins to draw maps.

Based on information provided by the state demographer, it is clear that people of color have been a huge driver in Texas' population growth since the 2010 Census. The United States and Texas Constitutions give the Legislature the specific criteria to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act and ensure minority voters have an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. Once the Census data is out for all to see, I look forward to our communities providing input where new districts of opportunity are possible for the Legislature's consideration.

Therefore, I respectfully request that as you continue the redistricting process, you account for a fair and transparent process by giving the public ample chances for input after the 2020 United States Census data are released and consider inclusion of all Texans. Thank you for your attention regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,



Sylvia R. Garcia

Member of Congress

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