I would like to urge our Texas senators to honestly redistrict our state using census data so that districts reflect the flavor of the communities within them and voters of all ilks are represented fairly. Texas has experienced a lot of growth in the last ten years and much of it from people of color who are moving to urban and suburban areas. I prevail upon you not to spread districts so widely (my own district spans 136 miles from Austin to Katy) in order to dilute the impact of some voters. This is out and out gerrymandering, which is tantamount to tampering with democracy. I realize both Democrats and Republicans are responsible for such practices and it needs to stop.

Thank you for your attention.