Date: 2021-09-29
First Name: Christy
Last Name: Stockman
Title: n/a
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Address:
City: Corpus Christi
State: TEXAS
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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:
My name is Christy Stockman. I live on the southside of Corpus Christi.

No one has been harmed more by map manipulation and voter suppression than Black and Latino communities whose voices have been minimized at the ballot box and in Congress. I care about addressing important issues such as racial justice and I believe we must expand Medicaid to save the lives of Texans. Neither of these issues have been addressed by the Texas legislature. Instead, we’ve had pointless special sessions about which team a trans kid can be allowed to play on. People in my district and across the state want to see action on the issues Texans care about.

I ask that in future that you hold hearings with 2 weeks notice before the hearings and a less cumbersome process to register to testify virtually. I went through a series of tedious steps to try to appear virtually and missed my opportunity. The impact of redistricting on our state lasts for a decade, given the gravity of the process - the hoops I had to jump just to get my testimony to be heard seems to cut out millions of people who will have to live with the results of your work. I ask that the Committee draw maps that are fair, competitive, and represent ALL Texans. Elected officials must not be allowed to select their voters. I ask that you work to end map manipulation and gerrymandering. Thank you.