Dear Committee,

I want to remind you that though you each have your local constituents and your supporters, your duty remains to all Texans. The right to vote is among our most sacred, and taking steps to dilute that power for certain Texans flies in the face of the ideals we hold dear. Our state, like others, is a changing place, but the need to protect the fairness of our electoral districts must outweigh the urge to capitalize on those changes to benefit our own factions in the short term. The most sustainable governing bodies are those that can have representation in proportion to their vote share and allow competing ideologies an opportunity to be argued. I fear that an unfair electoral map would do long term harm to our state’s ability to govern effectively, and I urge the committee to prevent that.

Thank you,
Connor Witt