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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Thank you Chairwoman Huffman,
Vice-Chair Hinojosa & Committee
Members.

My name is Dr. Jennifer Cantú &
I'm here representing myself
and am against SB4.

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and a resident of Fort Bend
County. According to 2020 Census
data, the City of Rosenberg is 78.6%
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one of the most diverse counties in
the nation is 70.4% POC.

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I was hopeful that this body armed with 2020 Census data and that the Latino population contributed to a 49.5% increase in the Texas population that fair maps would be drawn. However, I was deeply disappointed with PLANS2101, which packed communities of color into SD-13 in FBC, and aggressively cracked the remaining communities of color between SD-17 and SD-18 in FBC essentially carving out these communities to dilute their interests and needs in favor of faraway rural counties that insulate the incumbents in these districts.

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