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Regarding: Senate

Message:
Thank you for considering my written testimony. My name is Joanne McGee and I have lived in Wimberley Texas since 2008. I am retired after having worked in San Marcos in the field of brain injury rehabilitation.

I would like to express my strong opposition to Senator Joan Huffman’s amendment to SB4 with plans2108 that would divide Hays County into three State Senate Districts, including Senate District 25, 21 and 19. The senate district lines would be drawn through population centers in Hays County, dividing San Marcos into two districts and Kyle into three. This is unacceptable. The proposed divisions would create confusion for students at Texas State University and in the city of Kyle. Furthermore, they interfere with the community’s ability to work together with their representative to address common issues and to provide communities of color real pathways to political representation.

With partisan gerrymandering, elected officials have no obligation to support the issues that the majority of the people endorse, risking accountability to no one but a radical minority base or special interests.

In summary, we want our population centers kept whole, and would like the area to be represented by Senate District 21. I am requesting that this amendment be struck down and previous mapping of Hays County in 87(3) SB 4 (plans2101) be utilized.

Thank you again for the privilege of sharing my concerns.