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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Committee members. My name is Julie Gilberg and I'm here to represent myself. I am against the bill and the proposed Congressional maps

I live in the Aldridge Place area of Austin, just north of UT. I live within 5 blocks of two different Congressional districts (CD 10 and 21) and my precinct is in a third Congressional district (CD25). I live in a community that has been cracked. I have spent the last 10 years in a community that has been cracked. My Congressional District stretches from 212 miles from Hays County all the way to the suburbs of Fort Worth. This was done to dilute the power of African American and Latino voters in the east side of Austin and in Killeen. Although I was drawn into a heavily Democratic district (37) this time, the map makers have again worked hard to dilute the power of minority voters and fails to accurately reflect the 2020 Census data that shows 95 percent of Texas' population growth came from people of color and was centered in urban and suburban communities. Despite the fact that the growth in Texas came almost entirely from people of color, the map actually increases the number of majority-white districts.

As I said last week, no one has been harmed more by map manipulation and voter suppression than Black, Asian and Latino communities whose voices have been minimized at the ballot box and in Congress. The congressional map is a partisan power grab that fails to accurately reflect the 2020 Census data that shows 95 percent of Texas' population growth came from people of color and was centered in urban and suburban communities. The votes from the cities and suburbs of and around El Paso, San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth are drastically diluted. African-American voters are packed into TX-30, while Latino voters in Tarrant and Dallas County are fragmented between TX-6 and TX-33. North Dallas, Collin, and Denton Counties experienced significant population growth, especially amongst Asian American populations, but these communities are split between four congressional seats, TX-03, TX-04, TX-26, and TX-32. TX-06 pairs heavily Latino communities in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metro with rural, predominantly white counties over 140 miles away, while winding TX-33 as a loop around TX-06 crossing the Dallas and Fort Worth County border twice.

Cracking and packing black and brown communities means that the needs of those racially diverse communities are not met in the Texas legislature or Congress. Again,

we need solutions to issues like winterizing our grid, but our Legislature spends it's time legislation on issues like trans kids in sports. I don't get it. 700 Texans died last year due to losing power. Instead, this body signed a law into place with a significant loophole allowing natural gas companies to opt out of weatherizing their plants. The people in my district and across Texas want solutions, not more division.

I ask that the Committee draw maps that are fair, competitive, and represent ALL Texans. Thank you.

