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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I oppose Senate Bill 4 because the Senate map that has been proposed divides my city, my county, and my community.

Corpus Christi is the South Texas region's economic center. Nueces county, with the city of Corpus Christi at its heart, is one of the economic focal points of the Texas Gulf Coast. We have the third largest port in the U.S., leveraging commerce that drives prosperity for the entire Coastal Bend.

The map your committee is proposing actually divides Corpus Christi by one road, carving out 16 precincts in affluent areas with higher percentages of nonHispanic Whites. These precincts were clearly selected for District 27 based on past voting patterns, since 12 of the 16 precincts are heavily Republican. The divided parts of Nueces County do not represent our county's racial breakdown as a whole and harm minority voters.

In your map that deliberately divides us, the people on the other side of that road share the SAME school districts, hospitals, transit system, colleges, malls, churches, grocery stores, concerns about windstorms and insurance, coastal ecology, and our unique coastal industries.

Nueces county and Corpus Christi are cohesive communities and should be kept in one voting district to address these community needs- why would your committee propose to break up Nueces County and Corpus Christi and then just grab part of San Patricio County?

Current map proposals for senate districts 20 and 27 will diminish the political power of the community, minimize the votes of minorities, and will intentionally and deliberately change the path for future representation.

Senators, at this turning point in our history, YOU can define your legacy by creating fair maps and restoring representative democracy in Texas.

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