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To The Honorable Senators on the Special 2021 Senate Redistricting Committee:

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I am writing this to respond to the current effort in the Texas Legislature to redraw US Congressional district lines based on the latest US Census results. As a resident of this state, I expect fair representation at the local, state, and federal level. Congressional districts should reflect the makeup of a citizen's local geography. In order to accomplish drawing maps that make sense geographically, I recommend that the new maps be drawn by a non-partisan, third-party group to ensure fair treatment of the citizens of Texas. This would remove the partisanship factor and allow legislators to focus on good governance. We face many challenges that will require all hands on deck to solve. Our Lawmakers' focus should not be on constructing weirdly configured districts designed to gain a propped-up and artificial political advantage. The focus should be on making this state a place of great opportunity for all. In addition, congressional lines drawn by a neutral 3rd party may also save taxpayers millions of dollars in legal fees that the state will incur fighting the inevitable lawsuits that will result from challenges to an overly-partisan process. The use of a politically neutral, third-party is the best option for redrawing congressional maps.

Thank you,
Rosalind A. Wyatt, Ph.D.

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