My Congressional District is the 27th. The boundaries of the Senate’s proposed Congressional District #27 released this afternoon (9/18/21) continue the same absurd lines we have shamefully and illogically had for this district for the past ten years.

Before the Legislature ruined my District in 2011, it made sense, as it comprised traditional South Texas counties. Now it illogically includes a wide arm that leaps north of San Antonio almost to Austin.

The current grossly gerrymandered district has produced my far right Congressman Michael Cloud who is ideologically aligned with Congress’s “G Men”: Representatives Gohmert, Goser, and Gaetz--plus other far right wing culture warriors who are focused on red meat grandstanding instead of the good fights that make genuine meaningful positive impacts on the lives of constituents. Shamefully, my Congressman was one of only 21 members of the House who refused to honor the Capitol police who may have saved his life on January 6. His far right wing zealotry does not reflect the values of south Texans.

Our prior Republican Congressman resigned after allegations of sexual harassment and using public money to pay off the woman making them. Since the Legislature destroyed our prior logical map, not only have we been embarrassingly represented, but the 27th district includes parts of four small counties. Small counties should not be divided unless truly necessary.

But it is easily fixed. Draw a 27th district that has traditional south Texas counties, none of which are divided, and that share common interests and culture. The population of the district I propose deviates only 3.1% from the ideal number, and is therefore well within the legal requirements of the one person one vote principle. There are no border counties
in this district, and it does not include Victoria.

Please make these counties the boundaries of the next 27th Congressional district: Nueces, San Patricio, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, Aransas, Refugio, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kennedy, Willacy, Jim Hogg, Duval, Brooks, Goliad, Calhoun, Atascosa, LaSalle, Frio, Karnes, and DeWitt.

Sincerely yours,

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