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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:
My name is Judy Van Cleve, I live in Pflugerville, TX which is in north central Travis County between Austin and Round Rock.

As proposed the Senate maps for Congressional District 17 split my city and my community out of the Travis/Williams County urban corridor and combine it with 13 rural counties of very different population, economic base, resources and needs.

In effect, the proposed District 17 serve to disenfranchise me and my voting community by diluting my vote and limiting my ability to elect a person who can fully represent me, as a resident of Travis County. There is no way that my community even combined with Round Rock could out vote the rest of this rural district on issues or needed resources for our very different communities.

Pflugerville lies between Austin and Round Rock, two of the fastest growing communities in Texas. Companies such as the Tesla, Amazon, Samsung and all the business that accompany these industries are drawing workers to Travis and Williamson County as the latest censes shows. These workers and their families will require housings, schools, transportation, hospitals, shopping, and recreation facilities stretching the already limited funds of the county.

Urban growth has overtaken Pflugerville and Pflugerville is no longer a rural farming community but part of a large urban area with finite resources to meet their needs. It makes no sense that the proposed US House District 17 splits out a small sliver of Travis and Williamson Counties and combines them with all or a portion of 13 rural counties that stretch from Central Texas through the heart of East Texas almost to Louisiana.

Based on the way current districts are drawn the strategy appeared only to split the large voting population of Travis County and Williamson County for political gain rather than serving the needs of any of the 2 urban counties and 13 rural counties that make up District 17.

I request that Pflugerville be redistricted and drawn into a Travis County District so that my Representative, whoever they are can vote on issues that matter to me and my County.