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I am submitting these comments on behalf of myself and my family that reside in Dallas County. My comments are in reaction to the proposed Statewide Senate district plan 2101.

My comments are directed to the districts that carve up the Dallas & Fort Worth Metroplex (“DFW”). The core of DFW is contained within Dallas and Tarrant Counties. As proposed in Plan 2101, those two counties would be carved up into 7 different Texas Senate districts. It is clear on its face that the maps were not drawn to achieve population equity but rather to achieve other aims. Under the proposal, my current Senate District 16 would radically change shape and contain a “connector” that is a mere 550 yards wide at its narrowest. Senate District 16 as proposed is an embarrassment on its face. The map totally ignores common sense principals of compactness and communities of interests to afford the segregation of white populations from those of color.

The 70 thousand residents of Wise County included in Senate District 12 under Plan 2101 are now connected with the heart of North Dallas. Uniformed persons would be hard pressed to understand why farmers and ranchers from Wise county have been grouped with urbanites from DFW. They clearly are not part of a community of common interest. The rationale is blatant, obvious, immoral, and illegal. Wise County is 91% white and attached affluent cities of University Park and Highland Park are 88.3% white and 91.3% white, respectively. This within a county that is 66% white. Deliberate care was taken to extend Senate District 12 south into Dallas County to incorporate the boundaries of those two cities as is clear from the fact that the southern boundary of the proposed district matches precisely with the municipal southern boundary of Highland Park.

And of course, by packing the affluent white cities of University Park and Highland Park into Senate District 12, they remove those voters from Senate District 16, which becomes less White and a greater percentage of people of color.

It is wrong to segregate voters based on color and that is what has clearly happened in the formation of Districts 23, 16 and 12 despite what no doubt will be claims of only partisan division.

Respectfully submitted by,

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