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Message:
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Dear Chair Huffman & Chair
Hunter,

Thank you for the opportunity
to submit this written
testimony on behalf of myself
and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Incorporated, regarding SB 6
and HB 1 relating to
redistricting in Texas.

My name is Dr. Terrilyn Gray
Dogbe and I live in Benbrook,
Texas, House and Senate
District here. I am also a
proud member of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Incorporated,
and serve in the Fort Worth
Alumnae Chapter.

Census data definitively shows
people of color fueled 95% of
Texas population growth over
the past decade, stated the
Texas Tribune article that can
be found here. As an African
American woman, I fundamentally
believe that communities of
interest should continue to
reside in the same district to
ensure African American and
other minority voices are not

diluted. Texans, particularly Black Texans, have already suffered at the hands of previous gerrymandering and the consistent attack on our voting rights along with a list of other items negatively impacting the Black community like over-policing, food deserts, and lack of healthcare resources.

As Texans we request that the Texas Legislature works to decrease barriers for inclusion in the process including:
Providing meaningful procedural access to the process,
Increasing committee hearings notification to provide significant time to prepare to deliver testimony,
Providing increased access to Red Apple (redistricting mapping software) and longer time for proposed map review.

Remember, you must follow the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the US Constitution and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 while creating these map, and we would ask that the aforementioned requests also apply to all redistricting related legislation.

My final plea is that the Legislature will lead a fair process that will create fair maps that appropriately represent the changing demographics of Texas.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Dr. Terrilyn Gray Dogbe

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc.
Fort Worth Alumnae Chapter

