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To: Senate Redistricting

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

Date: 2021-01-29 First Name: James Last Name: Wenzel

Title: N/A

Organization: All on the Line

Address:

City: Bee Cave State: Texas Zipcode: Phone:

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: ALL

Message:

My name is James Wenzel. I am a volunteer with the group All on the Line.

I recently moved into Bee Cave, just west of Austin, in Travis County. Bee Cave is a new and growing community, with a ton of businesses. What is great is that a lot of people from the surrounding communities come to Bee Cave to shop. Because of our great local businesses, I have met several great friends from the neighboring communities, who share similar interests and values as I do.

I am concerned about gerrymandering because when I talk to these friends I have met, they are not in the same district as I am in. It is so confusing and frustrating to have so many friends, some of which are only a 5 minute drive away, who are not represented by the same elected official as I am. What is especially frustrating is that the way the districts are drawn, somehow I am grouped together with town over 3 hours away in the opposite direction.

I am writing today to ask that you do not draw the districts to benefit the politicians, but draw the maps that make the most sense in keeping the local populations together, as they are meant to be.

Thank you.