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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Senate Committee for Redistricting,

Distinguished Senate Committee,

I want to share with you why I hope that Rockwall County will not be redistricted with counties that do not share our community values. My wife and our daughter and her family, which includes six children, migrated here from Virginia Beach, Virginia. I and my son-in-law were recruited by separate companies that headquartered in the Dallas Metropolitan Area. Immediately, we began looking for a suburb that seemed to reflect our values such as a strong nuclear family, fiscal responsibility, individuality, faith in God, respect for the unborn, patriotism, and equal opportunity for all, and diversity.

We researched the best schools for our grandchildren. We found Rockwall County to be just the place to purchase our homes and invest our lives.

It didn't take long for us to realize just how much we had in common with this beautiful place as we participated as spectators in high school sports, joined with the neighbors at Rockwall City farmers' markets on Saturdays, and shared the wonderful 4th of July events. We belonged here! We realized just how wonderful it was to have Latinos, Indians and other East Texas and East Coast migrants among our neighbors. Better yet, these neighbors expressed support for the strength of nuclear families, ever-present fathers and mothers in the lives of their children, common-sense school leaders, and elected officials whose integrity is apparent.

We often run into our neighbors at Costco's, Home Goods and Home Depot. We realized that many of our encounters were with others who had come from counties East of Rockwall, as far away as Commerce. Indeed, we have much more in common with East Texas residents and businesses than with other counties. We want to maintain the spirit of "communitas" that unites us. Any redistricting that would place Rockwall County in any but a District of East Texas Counties would be wrong and would not represent the collective body of citizens.

I have learned that Rockwall County has traditionally been a part of Congressional District 4 comprising East Texas counties. Colleagues, Rockwall County should remain in the same specific district. Thank you for taking this very seriously!

