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Regarding: Senate

Message:

To the Special Senate Committee on Redistricting,

I want to share with you why I hope that Rockwall County will stay in our current Tx Senate district SD2 and US Cong District CD4. We do not want to be redistricted with counties that do not share our community values. Our State Cong district 33 is the only one where we are mixed in with other communities that are so different than ours.

In Rockwall, we have raised our family in this county in this community where we share common values - strong family values, religious freedom where we are happy to discuss our faith. We believe that the values of our founding fathers are still pillars that this great country and state should respect and follow. We love liberty and self-responsibility, the value of hard work - no handouts, accountability, strong faith, respect for the unborn, love of country, sharing life with our neighbors because we're community and not dependent on color, race or creed. and equal not separate opportunity for every American.

We don't want to be dissolved into districts heavily powered by big cities and counties.

Dallas and Collin County are areas that would prove a greedy predator of any influence that Rockwall County conservatism might hold. We would lose our voice as Texans, as Americans.

We like to know that anytime we go out into our county, we are likely to see a friend or a neighbor or a local official with whom we can have friendly conversation. And we inevitably get to meet neighbors from counties east and south of us who are enjoying Rockwall.

Please don't take away our ability to have any strength in the legislatures where our voice is supposed to be represented. Rockwall County is tremendously more like those counties than we are anything like most of Dallas and Collin County.

My wife is a Precinct Chair in Rockwall County, where she is one of 17, and I too and greatly involved. What's going to happen to people like this who are dedicated to helping our citizens and community if we are gobbled up into a large legislative district.

Please respect our hopes and values by protecting our current distrcting.

Sincerely, Richard W. Henson