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Message:

For many years, I have lived in the far Northwest Austin suburban area. Except for currently being represented by Sen. Sarah Eckhart and Rep. Vikki Godwin, I have never once been represented by someone who was respected my religious interest in social justice. I am currently the social justice team leader at United Christian Church of Austin. For the last 20 years, I have lived in the Canyon Creek subdivision. It is considered by realtors to be an "executive neighborhood" full of engineers, lawyers, and doctors, but is also a minority-majority neighborhood. We have been gerrymandered so often that in recent years, I have been represented in District 10 by Rep. Michael McCaul who never has represented my interests in any way at all. Our area is only a small part of his district that stretches from Houston to Austin. Before McCaul, we were in Larmar Smith's district. The only reason currently have representation on the state level is that my precinct leadership has worked very hard to turn a district that was gerrymandered to be solid Republican. Before I die, I want to have representation that would work for social justice and not just for old white men.