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## Message:

Thank you Redistrcting Committee for receiving testimony in order to hear what Texans have to say about the restricting process. My name is Ana Luisa Salas-Porras. I am a native Texan, 71 years old and have voted in every election since age 18. I have worked as an election judge and am a Volunteer Deputy Registrar. Because of gerrymandering in Texas, my vote in TX-10 district has no value. Gerrymandering works to keep one party in power and it is unfair. Both parties have unfairly drawn districts over the years. It is time to honor the One Person/One Vote fundamental premise of our Constitution. It is time for the voices of ordinary Texans asking for fair representation to be heard over the manipulations of politicians behind closed doors. Fair, independent redistricting commissions have been adopted in about 17 states and it is trend in our country because voters are against gerrymandering. The members of this Restricting committee, as well as all elected representatives in the Texas Congress, have the opportunity to stand with ordinary Texans and do the right thing for voting fairness. Politicians spent a lot of effort in the last session passing voting bills. It's time to insure the most basic voting foundation—fair districts that insure that every voice is heard.