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Message:

Howdy!

I am Jessica Williams, a proud A&M student. I am registered at my College Station address, and I am very confused as to why Bryan and College Station are in separate congressional districts. The BCS community is one unit - we go to events, visit friends, and ride the bus between the twin cities on a daily basis. The demographic makeup between the two is similar as well, with a lot of students and rapid growth. I believe that there is a compelling reason to keep this community of people together. We have similar interests that would be better represented together than as parts of separate districts.

There is also a lot of shared organizational structures between Bryan and College Station. Having two different congressional races packed into the same community of people creates confusion and duplicated work. It would limit voter awareness as the community has to learn, discuss, debate and vote on two completely different races instead of having one centralized discussion. This confusing overlap may result in the constituent voice becoming muddied. In addition, the split may result in candidates for each district paying less attention to Bryan or College Station, hindering the efficacy of our voice and legislator accountability to us. I understand balancing the competing priorities of redistricting is extremely difficult, but I hope you consider putting Bryan and College Station back into the same congressional district.

Thank you, Jessica Williams