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Message:

Good Morning Senator Huffman and Committee Members.

My comments are specific to the proposed map (SB6) relating to United States House of Representative District 16 (El Paso County) for the State of Texas.

The proposed map would remove Fort Bliss from the current boundaries of Congressional District 16 to Congressional District 23. I object to this proposed change and recommend that Fort Bliss remain within District 16.

The military has a long historical, cultural and socio-economic presence and impact on the city and county of El Paso, Texas. El Paso was established in 1680 and as the movement to settle the West expanded the inception of Fort Bliss began as a military outpost in 1849. Today Fort Bliss is the second largest military training area in the United States supported by 40,000 civilian and military personnel. This does not include retired civil servants or retired military, veterans or dependents.

Families, retirees, active duty military and civil servants do not all live at Fort Bliss. These citizens live throughout El Paso and contribute to the fabric of the community through home ownership, public schools, healthcare (other than the VA), infrastructure, small business ownership, recreation and contribute 8 billion of income to the area.

Because El Paso and Fort Bliss are so integrated it truly is a very large community of interest and must remain in the current United States House of Representative District 16. [REDACTED]

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