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Message:

Hello,

After reviewing the proposed Texas Senate districts map, I'm frankly alarmed at the brazen attempts to gerrymander Texans into ridiculously disparate groups in an attempt to control electoral outcomes. Ridiculously, the Austin metropolitan area is separated into FIVE Senate districts--this despite the average district containing roughly 800,000 Texans and the entire metropolitan area including not quite 3 times that number. Residents of Cedar Park are included in a district including rural Texans as well as suburban San Antonio residents--and not including their neighbors in Jonestown or Pflugerville. The Jonestown neighbors are in a *different* district, with *different* suburban San Antonio residents--and the Pflugerville residents share a district with Huntsville, hours away (and part of the Houston metro). Most ridiculously, my neighbors across the river are grouped into a district with even yet different San Antonio metro residents--as well as multiple counties of the Rio Grande Valley!! It is difficult to believe that anyone truly thought this way of separating Texans reflected their shared needs and values... surely my neighbors in urban SE Austin have different priorities than the residents of Rio Grande City, hundreds of miles away.

I hesitate to even send these comments because I am fairly certain the people who made this map knew what they were doing and are fully disinterested in whether it actually serves Texans, or just maximizes their in-group's power--but I am sending them anyway in hopes that someone who receives them considers the long-term damage they are doing to our state and democratic process by manipulating Texans into convoluted shapes simply because there is no one to stop them.

Thank you,
Zach Yuschock

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