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Message: See Attached. TO: Honorable Members of the Senate Redistricting CommitteeFROM: Ann N. MiltonRE: Redistricting Maps

DATE: Monday, October 04, 2021

Hello, Chairs and Members of Senate Redistricting Committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my written testimony.

My name is Ann N. Milton. I live in Montgomery County, Texas. I am writing this testimony on behalf of myself to ask for fair redistricting maps and a fair redistricting process.

The 2020 census data indicates 95% of the state's population growth came from communities of color, and the current maps show an increase in the number of majority-white districts. Keeping "communities of interest" together ensures equity and diversity in government and is vital for our Democracy and especially our diverse state.

I am asking the committee for a fair process that gives each citizen of Texas the opportunity for fair representation. I was told my input would matter, so I am asking the committee to consider these three (3) points.

- Drawing maps accurately to reflect the diversity of the Greater Houston area.
- Refrain from consolidating and separating communities that might predetermine which party will win in each district.
- Transparently sharing the criteria used to draw maps and allow ample public opportunity to provide feedback before final decisions are made.

The purpose of my testimony is to bring to the committee's attention what I hope to be a fair and straightforward process for completing the redistricting process.

Thank you for your time.

Ann N. Milton