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To: <u>Senate Redistricting</u>

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:37:08 PM

Attachments: CD map comments.docx

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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

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See map in attachment

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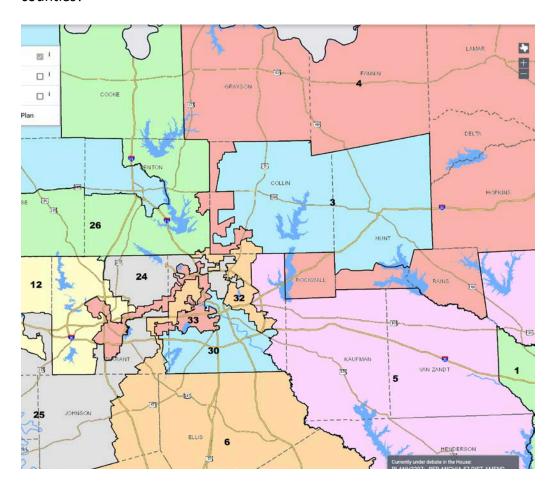
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