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To: Senate Redistricting

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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

SB6 Against...I do not want to be moved from CD 20 to CD 23

I live in North West San Antonio.

I currently reside in Congressional District 20 and resent that SB 6 wants to put me back in CD 23.

In 2011, the Texas legislature redrew districts which kept me in CD 23, but a court ruled that those maps were illegal.

The courts redrew the maps and I was put into CD 20.

The Senate Redistricting Committee plan SB 6 - C2101 has made both CD 23 and CD 20 less competitive. It has decreased the Hispanic population in CD 23 by 5%. The district goes all the way from San Antonio to El Paso.

I feel I will not have acceptable representation with plan SB 6. As a voter, I feel tossed around. Bexar County has a population of over 2 million. Each congressional district has a population of 777,000. Why can't Bexar County have two congressional districts? Why does Bexar County only have one full district and pieces of four others? Why am I being put back in a district that goes all the way to El Paso? I'm sick of it!

I am pleased that I live in CD 20 and do want to be moved back into CD 23.

For the first time in 27 years, I feel that I have representation that focuses on our community of interest. In 2012, I was thrilled that I was going to have local representation. I have been pleased that our representative represents Bexar County instead of 58000 square miles and 16 counties.

Now once again, SB 6 wants to dilute our community.

Additionally, every single precinct in CD 20 that did not vote Joaquin Castro in 2020 was moved into CD 23. Every single one of them was moved into CD 23. Why is this? Doesn't the Texas Senate feel that somewhat competitive elections are a good thing?