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To: <u>Senate Redistricting</u>

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Title: Mr.

Organization: Self

City: Houston State: Texas

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: ALL

Message:

I am writing to ask that the legislature use a committee of citizens, or a bipartisan commission, to draw Texas districts. Nonpartisan districting will be beneficial to all Texans because: -Reflect the will of the majority -Candidates in gerrymandered districts feel more beholden to party leaders and their funders than they do to their constituents. -Incumbents in gerrymandered areas start thinking of "their" district, instead of 'we the people's' district. In closing, in our democracy, I believe that voters should select their representatives — elected officials should not select their voters. Thank you.