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City: Montgomery State: TX

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

I am Yvonne Barnett, a resident of Montgomery, Montgomery County, Texas, representing myself. My written testimony expresses my concern for the proposed Texas redistricting plan and mapping gerrymandering. The 2020 census shows that the Texas population has grown 16% since 2010, with a 95% increase being people of color, but the map reflects an increased number of majority of white districts. Regrettably, Texas's history of gerrymandering maps has maintained the disparity of representation. I am concerned about how divided our country is, and gerrymandering and map manipulation will worsen the current social climate. Therefore, I want: 1. redistricting in Texas to be a transparent and fair process. 2. legislators to follow the Voting Rights Act and not discriminate against people of color. 3. the committee to draw fair, competitive maps and represent All, All Texans, and 4. work to end manipulation and gerrymandering. Thank you for considering my written testimony. Respectfully submitted, **Yvonne Barnett**