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Message:

I would like to thank the committee today for their time. I would like to address the fact that the state is currently asked to redraw the maps because the Governor put them on the special session. I support the Governor's efforts because it's time we draw maps to accurately reflect the way our communities have shifted. Take for example TX34 which is currently over 87% Latino and voted for President Trump by over 4 points. Latinos have proven to have shifted to favor a more conservative candidate. A lot of so-called groups that claim to be fighting for people that look like me don't really have any idea how we actually think. Take my county for example. Maverick County is 94.1% Hispanic per its Citizens Voting Age Population, CVAP. Our total population is nearly 58,000. In the federal races, which is what is being addressed since we are redrawing congressional districts, all 3 Republican candidates combined got 57% in this 94.1% Hispanic County. I would also like to add that Republican, Tony Gonzales, was the only partisan candidate at the federal, state, and local level to win ALL 16 precincts. He is followed by President Trump who won 14 of the 16 precincts. President Trump lost the 2 precincts by a total of 39 votes. So if groups want to add hispanics to Democrat districts I would like them to look at the 2024 election results and my testimony. We as hispanics are not a monolithic group but the data doesn't lie. We are no longer a solid group that heavily favors Democrats. I would go as far to say that we need to redraw State House and State Senate seats. I have even submitted maps (PPANC2206-2209) that add one more Hispanic District which is TX35. It is currently at 48.05% Hispanic and in my proposal I have made it 58.15% Hispanic. With some modification to my maps we could have 11 Hispanic districts that are majority or plurality Hispanic districts

which is 29% of total districts. The CVAP of hispanics in Texas is 30%. I would strongly urge the committee to adopt a map that gives Republican latinos their own districts and consider asking the governor to add state house and state senate redistricting to a future special session as well.

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