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Message:

Hello, my is Melissa and I am a Texan. While I'm grateful for the opportunity to testify today, I resent that any of us are here at all, spending time on the redistricting topic. I like to think that when each of you has campaigned to be elected to your current positions, you were driven to do so by a strong desire to help Texans and their families, to serve the people, and because of your respect for the constitution of the United States of America and the rule of law. As I said earlier, I am a Texan, but most of all, I'm an American. Once very proud, and now very worried for the future of what I once knew to be the land of the free, with liberty and justice for all. I'm worried for my country because I, along with many other Americans, feel that we are watching the very fabric of it be completely incinerated because of the selfish ambitions and aspirations of ONE very dishonorable person, Donald Trump, and by his (so far) very allegiant political party, the Republicans. I'd like to share that for most of my life, I did not view one political party as good and one political party as bad, in our two party system. I don't believe that's why it was designed. I did not consider myself one or the other. However, I'd be lying if I told you that what I am watching happen in our country has made me feel that the majority of the republican party wouldn't do anything and everything to bow down to Donald Trump, even when it means not protecting the very constitution, and the very citizens, that you vowed to protect and serve.

What you have been ordered to do by Donald Trump and HIS department of justice, because it isn't mine

and it isn't ours, it's HIS, and what you are considering doing by unlawfully redistricting our state, has been stated by various specializing attorneys to be both unconstitutional, as well as wildly illegal. You are all very smart people, I know that I don't have to tell you that. While Donald Trump's presidency has led me to feel a lot of distrust towards members of the republican party, I must mention that I have also gained a great deal of respect for the republicans who are willing to do the right thing, even if I don't agree with some of their other viewpoints. Political parties aside, as an American, please do what is right. I have to believe that every single one of you cares about doing what is right, and that you value the distinction between right and wrong. I must, because if not... then what?? What you are being asked to do by Trump, HIS DOJ and now his allegiant governor Abbott, is immoral and it is unethical. I don't care how anyone wants to try to twist it. We, the citizens, are going to watch how every single one of you operates from here, and who and what you stand up for, or who you bow down to.

I'm begging you, non-partisan, please do everything in your power to do what is right for the constitution, and for America. DO NOT allow redistricting in Texas under these pretenses. If you do so, you ruin our state and our country. The United States of America is NOT Donald Trump's country! It is MY country, and it is YOUR country. This country belongs to every single American across every state, whether they are brown, white, black, even orange, Republican, democrat, Christian, non-Christian, the list goes on for miles. TEXAS is NOT Donald Trump's state. It is MY state and it is YOUR state. May I remind you that the constitution and Voters Rights Act were designed specifically to protect us from attacks exactly like what our own imposter president is trying to demand of you. Please pick ethical and moral. How will your decisions affect our country and its occupants, now and for years to come? Please. I beg you, choose America first. Don't abuse us. We're real people with real livelihoods. Please give us a reason to trust you and give us hope that our country can overcome this attack by standing up for us.

