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To: Senate Redistricting

Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

Date: 2021-02-28 First Name: Aaron Last Name: Gonzales

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Address:
City: Austin
State: TX
Zipcode:

Phone:

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hi,

My name is Aaron Gonzales and I am a 26 year old precinct chair in Austin. I was born and raised in San Antonio. Growing up, I heard elected officials from both parties value education. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons such as district maps the education opportunities I received was limited based upon where I lived. Like many in our state and nation the trust that people within my community had for politicians and our democracy decreased every year. This is incredibly harmful and leads to apathetic citizens at best and violence at worst.

I'm asking that politicians help themselves and their constituents by doing what's best for the entire state. I'm asking for fair maps and a transparent process. This redistricting process should not be looked at as a fixed pie where there are winners and losers. Instead, I ask that you draw lines that can deliver a representative government which in turn strengthens our democracy and provides opportunities for greater economic development of our entire state, which in turn will be positively felt by everyone.

This is not a charitable request, it is a fundamental right of our democracy. Right now Texas is one of the most gerrymandered states in the nation. I ask you to correct this and deliver on this fundamental right and leave a legacy Texans from both parties can be respect and be proud of.