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Message:

My name is Julie Rogers and I live in Corpus Christi. I moved to Texas in 2004 and retired in Corpus Christi in 2017. I have worked all over Texas as staff for National Nurses United, and I've lived through two sets of district maps. The biggest and most notable change during this time has been to Congressional District 27 and what community of interest Corpus Christi was placed into. Corpus Christi used to be included in a Congressional District with South Texas until the maps changed in 2010. Soon after, Anglo Republican Congressman Blake Farenthold was elected and served until forced to resign in 2018, when another Anglo Republican Congressman, Michael Cloud, was elected and still serves. Corpus Christi is a minority majority city and has had no representation in Congress for ten years.

Our current Congressman Cloud lives in Victoria, rarely comes to Corpus Christi and has never had a public townhall. He did fly on Airforce One with former President Trump from Houston to the Port of Corpus Christi to seal a deal for more funding for port expansion to serve the petrochemical industry. He serves the industry and not the people. Several environmental groups and activists have been in a prolonged against industrial buildout because it harms our bays, estuaries, and way of life. By being unrepresented, we can never have an effective way for our voices and concerns to be heard. It certainly has harmed our retirement on Corpus Christi Bay with more flaring, poorer air and water quality and industrial landscapes on a once shining city on the bay. Corpus Christi should be in a community of interest that wants to preserve our coast and environment. We are a coastal town that belongs with other coastal cities. The Nueces River has always been the natural boundary for South Texas and should be now.

I gave virtual testimony and stated that Corpus Christi should be in community of interest with the rest of South Texas for other reasons too. We are all in Public Health Region 11, with some of the state's most health disparities and health issues like diabetes, birth defects and cancers. Region 11 was greatly impacted by Covid-19 because of these comorbidities. Our Congressional District map should be drawn to address the health disparities that exist in South Texas so we can stimulate research and interventions to reverse these disparities and bring heal parity to Texas. We need a Representative who is concerned with this issue and understands it because they come from families like the majority of South Texas and Corpus Christi. Incidence rates for these diseases are much higher for South Texas Hispanics than non-Hispanic Whites. The Congressman we have had since 2011 do not share the same health histories as the majority of Corpus Christi.

I continue to ask that you make South Texas whole again. You still have a chance and responsibility not to gerrymander and to undo previous gerrymandering. The proposed Congressional map for CD 27 does not represent Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

