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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I am Margaret DeMoss a resident of Fort Worth and Senate District 10 (Beverly Powell). I want to commend the Legislators for adopting a more transparent process with ample opportunity for testimony, especially the ability to testify virtually. I encourage you to continue to offer the virtual option in future sessions and for all committees.

Once you settle on the proposed maps, please provide ample time for your constituents to review and respond. For a state without an independent review committee authorized to draw the final maps, this is imperative. Two weeks notice would be best for something so complicated. Along with the maps, please include an explanation on how the new districts will protect the voting rights of each of the diverse populations in our state so all citizens can feel truly represented by their elected officials.

The new census data prescribes additional representatives for the fastest growing areas of the state; those new districts must reflect the growth demographics especially in those areas most heavily impacted. It is important to avoid lawsuits and additional costs to Texas citizens; so do it right the first time! El Paso may be the area currently the most unfairly represented; please fix that first. Start over with Travis County, and try to create a more unified district. I am proud to say in our local city redistricting process for Fort Worth, "communities of interest" are being sought for input on how best to draw the new lines and keep their communities intact. With Asians being the most underrepresented population in the state, I urge you to look at western Harris and north Dallas counties for new districts where Asians can have a better chance for representation.

Finally, I urge you to be fair and take off your partisan hats: please honor your charge to provide fair and equitable voting districts for all the people of Texas. Thank you.