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Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

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Regarding: Senate

Message:

The redistricting process is critical to having accurate representation of Texas residents. As a native and long-term resident of Houston I am deeply concerned that the process is managed fairly.

The Houston/Harris County area is a popular location for people fleeing both the harsh winters of the north and a state income tax requirement. It is popular for people who seek affordable housing, a business-friendly climate, a quality post-secondary education and a medical complex second to none. The point: more residents equates to more people requiring adequate representation. To accurately address the population, I encourage you to focus on the racial and ethnic diversity among the residents. In doing so, you may also correct any injustices that may have occurred during the previous redistricting process. This is not a process to be rushed. It is a process where fairness or crookedness may come into play. I trust each of you will serve on the side of fairness to the overall community and set aside strict political party identification. We can't all appear in Austin or Washington to develop legislation and serve on committees. We do expect to have someone available to hear our issues, help us and vote their conscious on our behalf. Please don't close your eyes and roll the die. Look closely at the numbers then ask, "is this as fair as we can be?" then pick up the pen and draw. Thank you for all you do.

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