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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Thank you for allowing public comment on the upcoming redistricting process. I live in Austin and I love the community here, and the neighborhoods that become subset communities. It is a diverse, progressive city, as evident by who we elect in city-wide elections. Austinites come together in hard times – we have seen this many times in the past year, whether it is support during the coronavirus pandemic and the associated economic downturn, or the recent winter weather disaster. Austin comes together to help each other, partly because we know most of our federal representatives do not represent us and will not help us. It is baffling to me that some of the most conservative members of the United States Congress represent one of the most progressive cities in the country, and refuse to answer to their constituents. There are no town halls, no returned calls, and no consideration for the people that they represent. They do not have to listen to us and they'll continue to be re-elected because the system was designed this way. Your predecessor redistricting committees designed it this way. I urge you to keep the broader Austin community together in the next redistricting process and give us two United States Congressional districts instead of five. I beg you to allow us to be properly represented.

Additionally, I would like to echo the call of others to urge you to redistrict in a way consistent with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and avoid the expensive litigation that past racially-biased maps have caused. Further, I would like to call for a transparent redistricting process. Please make the map creation methodology public and detail who is drawing the maps.

Additionally, make the maps available for public review with sufficient time for comment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Sara Eshleman

Resident of U.S. Congressional District 10, TX House District 48, and TX Senate District 14

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