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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I am a resident of Arlington, Texas and have been residing in Senate District 10 for years. Senate District 10 is a noted concern in the proposed map because it has been expanded to include Johnson and Parker Counties. This district was a part of 2011's redistricting litigation, and a federal court ordered the State to redraw this district so that communities of color in Tarrant County could collectively elect a candidate of choice. The voters elected Democrat Beverly Powell in 2018. Now with the proposed addition of two rural counties, the voting power of the minorities has been reduced. The rural population is overwhelmingly Caucasian. The proposed map by GOP will seriously dilute the voting power of communities of color in Tarrant County.

Muslim Democratic Caucus of Texas strongly objects to the proposed changes in the boundaries of Senate District 10 and urges the Committee to withdraw the proposed changes. The communities of color should not be deprived of their voting power.

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