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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

The proposed Congressional redistricting maps cuts across a very narrow sliver of far north Austin where I reside in Williamson County precinct 189 and remaps us from TX-31 into the new TX-10. The proposed TX-10 would extend from the western tip of Lake Travis west of Austin all the way east to Walker County. The new map is clearly intended to shave off a very narrow strip of the city of Austin and dilute its political influence by combining it with rural areas that have absolutely nothing in common with us. I've lived in Austin (population over 2 million in the metro area) for 14 years and I've never even heard of Huntsville, TX, population 45,000, which is 161 miles east and a 3 hour drive from my house but somehow the committee has found it convenient to map North Austin and Huntsville into the same district.

NW Austin has many challenges that have come from greatly accelerated growth we are experiencing, such as exploding housing costs, housing equity, and overburdened transportation to name a few. We have very little in common with the Lake Travis retirees & their yachts, or rural communities in east Texas. Being mixed in with them would no doubt aid TX legislature's political agenda but would make it difficult for us to address the very real challenges our community faces. North Austin has helped build the economic success that makes our city a top destination for workers and employers, especially in the tech industry where I work. Our community is rapidly diversifying and we want representation that looks like us. No doubt the folks in Huntsville would prefer representation that centers small towns and rural areas, throwing metro Austin in the mix does them a disservice as well.

Again, the new TX-10 map is clearly a disgusting attempt to silence Austin voices for political expediency and has nothing to do with giving folks the real representation our democracy calls for. It does damage to our community and the state as a whole. Absolutely disgusting that this is the state of affairs in the TX Senate Redistricting Committee.

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