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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Dear Madam Chair, Vice-Chair and committee members:

I'm Leola Ross, and I am testifying on my own behalf and as a League of Women Voters member. I live in Katy, Fort Bend County, in Tx HD28 and Senate District 18.

I'm testifying in support of creating a district with boundaries delineated by the Barker Reservoir Watershed, to ensure our community's right to have effective representation to advocate for regional flood control solutions for our economic well-being.

We don't want to be fearful of regularly experiencing severe damage and economic loss, especially the loss of our largest financial asset: our homes.

The map on the right of the attached document shows this area is located to the west/northwest of Houston. It illustrates how water in the watershed naturally flows due to its unique geographic characteristics – characteristics relevant to developing solutions for regional flood control.

The Barker Reservoir Watershed includes the city of Katy, and parts of

- 3 counties: Fort Bend, Harris, and Waller;
- 4 Congressional Districts
- 4 State House Districts, and
- 3 State Senate Districts

Because of the district lines that have been drawn, this community has 14 representatives, but not ONE representative at any level

has effectively and continuously advocated for our community's needs for flood control and economic security.

Is this because, out of 14 representatives, NOT ONE of them has a significant percentage of their constituents affected by flooding? I think, likely, it is.

The map on the left side of the attached document shows a district drawn with boundaries delineated by the Barker Reservoir Watershed. Currently, this area is split by 3 State Senate Districts. Using statistics on the Texas Legislative

Council's website:

In Senate District 7 – approximately .02% of the districts' constituents live here.

In District 17 -- .01%.

In District 18 – only .03%

I ask that you draw district lines so that constituents living in the Barker Reservoir Watershed are a majority at the federal and state

level of government for economic and quality of life reasons.

I also ask you to REJECT the practice of gerrymandering. We know this practice results in extreme polarization.

I ask that you provide several days for public hearings and input on any proposed maps after they have been drawn, but before they

are voted on.

Please give ample time for all legislators and the general public to introduce alternative map suggestions.

Thank you for your consideration, your time, and your service.



**BARKER RESERVOIR WATERSHED**

