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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Sonia Seeman, my zip code is 78723, and I am representing myself. Thank you for this opportunity to have my voice heard.

I am deeply distressed about how divided we are as a country. Gerrymandering has only made that partisan divide worse. I ask that you support redistricting reform, specifically, that you allow for an independent commission to draw the district lines that uses objective criteria so that the commission can draw maps that are fair, competitive, and represent all Texans.

Legislators and political parties should not be allowed to draw their own district lines. I believe that, in so doing, politics becomes more divided, special interests get more influence, and my vote matters less. An independent commission will give legitimacy to the process and ensure all voters are represented fairly. Since living on Austin's Eastside, I am witness to the lack of services, post offices, grocery stores, along with school closures---all indicators of lack of representation. Now more than ever it is very important to ensure that ALL of our voices are heard.

For the love of Texas, I implore that you to support redistricting reform and create an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

With gratitude,
Sonia Seeman

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