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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello, my name is Marsha Gordon and I am a resident in Dallas County Precinct 2021. I am part of the community that contributes to the economic, social, and civic success of this area.

I have worked in the healthcare field as a Masters Social Worker, and an owner with my husband of a small business.

The proposed Senate District does not provide for preservation of county lines, compactness or preservation of communities of interest, or preservation of my previous political district.

Furthermore, the way that these maps are drawn will further polarize the political discussion in Austin and in Washington DC because in many cases, the incumbents have been given "safe" seats. This will decrease the likelihood of mainstream candidates coming forward and addressing issues that are important to all Texans. Improving the power grid, prioritizing quality healthcare, supporting public education, protecting the air we breathe, helping our economy and moving Texas into the future. If Republicans and Democrats are only talking to their own parties about divisive issues, we are less likely to find cooperative solutions to our shared problems.

We need fair representation and fair maps. This redistricting process is essential to providing good governance for Texans in the coming 10 years. I ask that you carefully consider the criteria listed above and redraw the maps to make districts fairer, and in line with established principles from legal precedent and the National Council of State Legislatures.

I also ask you to establish a non-partisan redistricting commission so that Texans of all political parties can rely of fair representation from the redistricting process. Several other states have led the way towards non-paritisan commissions. Texas should follow their lead and find a way to make sure that our democratic system of government thrives. Texas deserves fair maps and a strong

representative form of democracy, not some gerrymandered districts that disadvantage all of us.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Marsha Gordon

