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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am in the 8th Congressional District, represented by Kevin Brady. I think there are a lot of problems with the current district maps but one of the main things that needs to be addressed is taking the outside communities of Houston, and including them with large areas of sparsely populated places, like Conroe. My community is right at the intersection of 99 and 249. Everyone separated by important highways and freeways, like these, should be included in the same district. Largely populated towns, like Tomball to the North of 99, should be included with other largely populated towns, while smaller towns separated by unpopulated farmland should all be combined together. Where possible, lines should remain straight with roads or follow natural boundaries like rivers. As Texas becomes more Independent and Democratic, we need to set up the boundaries looking at future growth areas, not just where people are living now.

Consideration should also be given to creating boundaries in tandem with the Education agencies. School Districts should not be split down the middle and be voting for different representatives. Also advocating for clearer boundaries, using major highways and freeways as references, will also help school districts with busing students in and parents will have clearer understanding of what school district they are in before buying homes.

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