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I testified today (Saturday, March 13, 2021) virtually before the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting. These are my formal comments for submission.

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**Testimony Before Senate Special Committee on Redistricting
Saturday, March 13, 2021**

Testimony of Victor G. Carrillo of Rockwall County, Texas

Good afternoon y buenas tardes! I am Victor Carrillo and I live in Rockwall. I represent myself, my family, and my community. I live in Texas SD2 and HD 33. I know several of you and thank each of you for your dedicated service!

I am a native Texan whose father was born in Mexico but became a US Citizen. Like you, I have served the citizens of Texas in several elected positions: I served my hometown on the Abilene City Council and later as Taylor County Judge before Governor Perry appointed me to serve statewide on the Railroad Commission. I was elected and served 8 years ending in 2011. Today, I am serving my adopted county of Rockwall on its Republican Executive Committee as Precinct 2A chair. I am also Secretary for our newly re-invigorated Rockwall County Republican Hispanic Club.

My family and I have lived in Rockwall since 2012. At a mere 149 square miles, we live in the smallest area county of our 254 counties. Rockwall County may be small in stature, but we are HUGE in community values and quality of life!

Rockwall is about 25 miles ENE from Dallas along Interstate HWY 30. When we first moved to the Dallas area from Austin, my job was in Dallas, but my wife and I knew it was not our preference to live in Dallas (no offense Senators West and Johnson). We researched and found Rockwall to be ideal. Lake Ray Hubbard serves as a natural barrier between Dallas and Rockwall counties. A 3-mile bridge crosses the lake and as you hit the lake, you know you are leaving the hustle and bustle of Dallas so when you reach the eastern shore, you're in Rockwall County. As I've driven home from work in Dallas for 10 years, my entire mood and emotional frame of mind shifts as I cross the lake and enter into Rockwall.

Dallas is busy, fast-paced, frenetic, metropolitan, and urban while Rockwall is more relaxed, slower-paced, community-centric, conservative, rural. Rockwall is more law and order focused, very patriotic, veteran-supportive, family and religious-friendly. Culturally, my family fits in well with Rockwall County and similarly situated nearby rural counties as opposed to the much larger population counties like Dallas and Collin Counties.

Rockwall County's 2020 population estimate is ~106,000 and Dallas County is 2.65 million (Rockwall Co's population is ~4% of Dallas County's). Nearby Collin Co. is 1.05 million.

My requests: Instead of taking our senate district west and south, keep us going north and eastward to smaller population counties like Hunt, Fannin, Hopkins, Rains, Van Zandt, and Wood. I'd prefer you bring in Lamar Co. before we include portions of Collin or Dallas Co. **Go East, Stay Rural, Go East!**

Senator Hall represents Rockwall County with a reputation as the most conservative Texas Senator. He and I have not conferred on my testimony, but I believe his conservative, patriotic, rural-focused values reflect Rockwall's community values and that of his Senate District. Let us keep those cultural community characteristics in his district. Please do not dilute those common interests by mixing Rockwall County values with more metropolitan/urban values. Thank you for your time and service!

One final point: I urge your support of Senator Hall's SB 1606 Re: Electric grid resilience. God Bless Texas!



