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Message:  
September 24, 2021

The Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senate Special Committee on Redistricting  
P.O. Box 12068  
Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Chair Huffman,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony on behalf of myself regarding SB 4, Relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate. As a resident of Edgecliff Village, Texas, and a constituent of Senate District 10 ("SD 10"), I am in opposition of Senate Bill 4 and the proposed drawing of SD 10 and demand this committee to keep the current boundaries of SD 10, which were court-ordered in 2012.

I am Angela Rainey, a Community Advocate, a volunteer throughout my community, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, League of Women Voters, and the NAACP. I live at 27 Oakrddge Lane Edgecliff Village, Texas 76134. My neighborhood lies between Edgecliff Drive, Hemphill, Altamesa, and McCart Avenue within the Sycamore elementary school zone. Over the past years, I have witnessed my community and Fort Worth in its totality grow into a racially diverse city. We do not want gerrymandering to dilute our voices, and we call for a district map that will NOT tear our community apart. Yet, the proposed map in SB 4 does the exact opposite.

Currently, Senate District 10 is the only crossover/minority opportunity senate district for Tarrant County, the third-largest county in the State. Per the 2020 US Census, the district population is 39.5% Anglo, 21.5% Black, and 32.2% Hispanic, with its Anglo citizen voting-age population ("CVAP") at only 53.9%. Dismantling SD 10 is a direct violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the US Constitution. The U.S. Supreme Court has already explained that the destruction of a functioning crossover district is a violation of the US Constitution in *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 556 U.S. 1, 24 (2009). Furthermore, in 2012, a federal court ruled specifically on Senate District 10 and the intentional discriminatory

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Black Texans have already suffered at the hands of previous gerrymandering and the consistent attack on our voting rights along with a list of other items negatively impacting the Black community like over-policing. It is time for this committee and the Texas Legislature to stop suppressing the vote of People of Color and violating the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the US Constitution and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

My final prayer is for this committee and the Texas Legislature to remember we live in a representative democracy, and constituents of Senate District 10 deserve to be represented by just, adequate, and most importantly, equitable representation of our choice.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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