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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Hello Senate Committee,

I am a lifelong resident and now voter in the 18th Congressional District of Texas in Harris County. I am appalled and dismayed by the proposed map that rips apart historic and present communities of interest. I live in the greater Third Ward (Riverside Terrace) near the historic Texas Southern University. We have been unfairly ripped from the 18th Congressional District. We deserve to be made a whole and have the 18th district restored to almost the same map used in the 2018 congressional election. The Black community deserves the chance to elect representatives (plural) of our choice. To place two of our most important leaders in the same Congressional district is biased, unfair and disheartening. The Honorable Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland worked to tirelessly for justice and to give voice to our communities. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee has continued in this proud tradition. WE deserve the opportunity to keep her as our our representative in the House. The historic 18th Congressional District established by President Lyndon Baines Johnson of Texas must be restored. End this practice of supressing the options of Black voters. We have earned the right through our toil, sweat and tears to have our communities and right to elect representatives of our OUR choice protected. Restore the 18th Congressional District!

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18th Congressional District of Texas

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