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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony regarding SB 4, relating to the composition of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate. I am in opposition to Senate Bill 4 and the proposed drawing of Senate District 10. I demand this committee keep the current boundaries of SD 10, which were court-ordered in 2012. 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 Census, the district population is 39.5% Anglo, 21.5% Black and 32.2% Hispanic. Dismantling SD 10 is a direct violation of the Fourteenth and Fifteen Amendments to the US Constitution. The US Supreme Court has previously explained that the destruction of a functioning crossover District is a violation of the US Constitution. In 2012, a federal court ruled specifically on Senate District 10 and the intentional discriminatory enactment of the 2011 Senate Map that negatively impacted minority voters in the District. It is clear that Black and Hispanic voters, together with a minority of crossover Anglo voters, control the electoral outcomes of SD10. I am a proud resident of the State of Texas and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Bypassing and enacting the proposed map in SB 4, will dilute people of color's votes. Use the existing map for SD 10 without any changes to the existing boundaries.

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