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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Caryl Sherman-Gonzalez, and I live in Fort Worth, House District 97. I am also a former Enumerator for the U.S. Census and was honored to participate last year in the gathering of the data that will inform the re-drawing of our state's districts over the coming weeks and months. I took that work seriously and was humbled and encouraged by the willingness of the vast majority of people I contacted to participate. I believe in the integrity of the count. I believe in the original intent of the Founders to use the Census as a "tool of political empowerment for the governed over their government". And I am asking you to honor that intent by fairly and equitably re-drawing our state's district maps to reflect cohesive communities. To that end, I ask that at least one week's notice be given before any relevant hearings, and I ask that public hearings be held before any map bill passes out of committee, with the proposed maps kept on display for the public to view one week prior to and throughout these hearings. And given that the overwhelming majority of growth in our state is among Voting Rights Act-protected groups, I ask that any map be accompanied by an explanation of how the newly drawn districts accurately represent these populations and ensure their ability to elect the candidates of their choice. Thank you.

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