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Message:

To the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of Senate Special Committee on Redistricting

Thank you for your efforts to redraw the Senate districts for the next decade. I am writing in opposition to SB 4 and map S2130 from the committee report.

I reside in southwest Fort Worth, an area that has seen substantial growth in the past ten years. I am ordained clergy recently retired from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University and a board member of Texas Impact, the state's largest nonpartisan, interfaith advocacy organization.

I am against S2130 and my deep concern is two-fold.

First, it is my understanding that the purpose of redistricting is to provide representation proportionate with the growth in population such that all will have a voice in the democratic process both in electing officials and in the work of addressing the many issues facing our communities. Based on the 2020 census, 95% of the state's growth comprised people of color and was concentrated in urban areas. For a fair democratic process, new districts should reflect this reality. S2130 does the opposite by diluting minority and urban voices.

Second, I am concerned about the district in which I reside, Senate District 10. As currently reconfigured in S2130, the district shifts from a largely urban district to one that encompasses six rural counties. Issues facing rural and urban areas differ and, I believe, are best addressed by those living in and intimately connected to their community. Whether an official is elected from either the rural or urban context, one area or the other would not receive adequate representation.

In contrast to S2130, both proposed maps S2109 and S2129 address these concerns by adding new districts consistent with the growth patterns shown in the census data.

I ask the committee to reconsider the proposed districts and work through the remainder of the process to modify the map to allow fair representation for all Texans.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Theilig

