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Regarding: ALL

Message:

To the members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to visit with you about the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. Our Reservation spans over 10,000 acres and lies in both Polk and Tyler Counties. The redistricting process is a very important matter to the Tribe, our 1,300 Tribal citizens, and our community in Deep East Texas. We respectfully ask that you keep the two counties of Polk and Tyler together in the redistricting process.

The Alabama-Coushatta is the oldest of three federally-recognized tribes in the state. The history of our Tribe is deeply connected to the history of Texas. From the time that our Tribe provided help to Sam Houston's army during the Texas War of Independence from Mexico, and throughout history, we have continually tried to serve our fellow Texans. Even today, we take pride in our Naskila gaming facility, which is responsible for over 700 jobs in our region.

We know from experience the importance of having a relationship with our delegates. We currently enjoy consistent and open communication with Congressman Brian Babin, state Senator Robert Nichols, and state Representative James White (who we will miss dearly), and we enjoy broad support from dozens of local officeholders in each party. It is very important that we keep our two home counties together so that we can continue to have responsive and positive representation.

Thank you very much for considering this request and allowing me to provide input today.

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