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Senate Special Committee on Redistricting
Attn: The Honorable Senator Huffman, Chair
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
Re: Written testimony; Redistricting Process, 87(R)

Dear Senator Huffman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrea Reyes, political director at Deeds Not Words. I appreciate your time and the opportunity to submit public commentary.

On behalf of **Deeds Not Words, and myself, I ask that this committee advocate for a fair, and transparent redistricting process** that will ensure accurate representation and redistribution of resources that will affect the lives and livelihood of Texans for years to come.

These hearings are super important because they will decide the ways in which Texas is divided for the next ten years. This can affect virtually every aspect of Texan' lives. From who represents us, how much federal money is allocated to a district, to healthcare (including how the COVID vaccines will be distributed), and who shapes our public education curriculum.

As a young person who is not only invested in my community, but sees the decision you have, not only as a privilege but as a responsibility to make and turn into an investment opportunity for our entire state. Investing in fair redrawing of districts regardless of political affiliation is investing in the health, education, and wellbeing of every young person in TX. I ask that you take our public commentary into consideration and **create a fair and independent redistricting process that puts the needs of your constituents before a political party. I ask that the**

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redrawing of our districts is reflective of the values and needs of the community.

We know that the numbers that will define how districts are redrawn are based on the census data that was collected this past year-- please take into consideration that the census process had a lot of faults due to the pandemic, government distrust, miscounts of youth populations, and the lack of online reporting. Rely on the expertise of the community members that testify before you, especially the younger generations who will be impacted as we move forward and shape the future of our State.

Lastly, Texas is projected to **gain** 3 congressional seats and these district lines could be manipulated to benefit the political majority--which could be detrimental for our State. Do not fall victim to a political party, and instead capture the need that our community members are asking of you.

"I would like to conclude by thanking you for your time and giving me the opportunity to submit public commentary. And for once more, reminding you to **advocate for a fair, and transparent redistricting process** that will ensure accurate representation and redistribution of resources that will affect the lives and livelihood of Texans for years to come.

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