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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I appreciate you opening a virtual testimony option for this process, and encourage members of this committee to honor the oath they took to serve all constituents, by offering public virtual testimony opportunities for every bill throughout session. Your constituents deserve the right to make their voices heard in policy decisions that impact their lives. I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit public comment stating why a fair and transparent redistricting process is important to me.

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

Dear Senator Huffman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kierra Jones-Jackson and I am the Deeds Not Words Campus Organizer for Huston-Tillotson University, Austin's oldest institution for higher learning and it's only HBCU. I, along with my fellow changemakers, have been organizing and providing civic engagement education to the East Austin region for many years..

I am submitting this testimony in favor of a fair and transparent redistricting process because East Austin is an incredibly unique area with very specific needs. East Austin is home to the majority of the city's black and brown citizens. Huston Tillotson University is located in the heart of East Austin right on 7th street and Chicon. As an advocate for social justice and civic engagement, I have grown concerned for the lack of concern within Texas leadership in regards to voter suppression due to unfair redistricting. Unfair redistricting that mostly affects the black and brown communities , my communities.

It is imperative that the lines are drawn fairly. That is the only way to ensure a cohesive system where each citizen matters equally regardless of which side of the red line they're on.

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offering public virtual testimony opportunities for every bill throughout session. Your constituents deserve the right to make their voices heard in policy decisions that impact their lives. I would like to conclude by thanking you for your time and giving me the opportunity to stand before you today to share why **a fair and transparent redistricting process** is important to me.

Andrea Reyes, Political Director at Deeds Not Words

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