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Written Testimony on Redistricting Maps
Senate Redistricting Committee
September 25, 2021
Janet Realini, MD, MPH

A great deal of independent analysis proves that statistical and demographic methods used by the Senate Redistricting Committees has produced maps that are gerrymandered in illegal ways.

The Senate Redistricting Committee appears to have disregarded all the input that citizens provided them during previous hearings and is rushing to get the maps signed by the Governor. There is no time for citizens or analysts to examine all the maps and make presentations in a public forum.

Latino and Black communities have suffered the most from map manipulation. According to the Census, 95% of Texas' growth in the last 10 years was driven by communities of color, and Texas' 2 new Congressional Districts should be drawn to create 2 new minority opportunity districts.

The following are examples of illegal gerrymandering in the Senate maps (Plan S2101):

Senate District (SD) 10: This district is proposed to expand to include Parker and Johnson Counties. This district was a part of the last round of redistricting litigation. A federal court ordered Texas to redraw this district so that communities of color in Tarrant County could elect their candidate of choice (currently Senator Beverly Powell). With the proposed addition of these two rural counties, the proposed SD 10 dilutes the voting power of minority communities in Tarrant County. The Senate Map moves about 300,000 minority voters out of SD 10 and moves in about 328,000 Anglo voters. The current SD 10 is a performing minority district. The Senate Map is a clear attempt to change that, which is a clear racially discriminatory red flag.

Dallas Area: Although the population growth in this area in the last ten years was driven by communities of color, the Senate Map splits these communities into five different SDs, four of which jump out to rural predominantly white counties. This is classic "cracking" to dilute the voting power of minority Texans. Hispanics are the most numerous ethnic group in this area, but there is no Hispanic minority opportunity district in the proposed Senate Map.

SD 25: I live in this district, in the northwest corner of Bexar County, and I am particularly concerned about this attempt at illegal gerrymandering. The following tables demonstrate the illegal manipulation of the SD 25 map to exclude portions of Hays, Bexar, and Travis counties

which are areas with higher proportions of minority voters:

- The proportion of Hays County included in this district is slashed from 69 percent to 31 percent, resulting in a reduction of the percentage of Hays County voters who are non-Anglo from 41.3 percent to 24.8 percent.
- The proportion of Bexar County included in this district is reduced from 26 percent to 19 percent, resulting in a reduction of the percentage of Bexar County voters who are non-Anglo from 54.1 percent to 50.9 percent.
- The proportion of Travis County included in this district is increased from 7 percent to 10 percent, resulting in a reduction of the percentage of Travis County voters who are non-Anglo from 43.9 percent to 29.4 percent.
- The addition of rural counties with fewer non-Anglo voters—Blanco County with 23.4 percent non-Anglo voters and Burnet County with 21.8 percent non-Anglo voters—also demonstrates the illegal manipulation of this district to reduce the influence of minority voters

As this analysis shows, the S2101 map demonstrates the Senate Redistricting Committee's illegal gerrymandering to exclude minorities from opportunities to elect the representatives of their choice. The maps must be revised to allow Hispanic/Latino, Black, and other minority voters the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice.

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**District Population Analysis with County Subtotals
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	Deviation		Total	Anglo	Non-Anglo	Asian	Black	Hispanic	B+H	%Anglo	%Non-Anglo	%Asian	%Black	%Hispanic	%B+H
DISTRICT 25	163,301 17.37 %	Total: VAP:	1,103,479 844,709	585,939 475,191	517,540 369,518	59,225 41,946	73,516 51,486	372,691 261,951	435,870 308,531	53.1 56.3	46.9 43.7	5.4 5.0	6.7 6.1	33.8 31.0	39.5 36.5
Bexar (26%)			517,781	237,675	280,106	33,100	41,505	203,782	239,280	45.9	54.1	6.4	8.0	39.4	46.2
Comal (100%)			161,501	105,250	56,251	3,517	5,409	43,590	48,172	65.2	34.8	2.2	3.3	27.0	29.8
Guadalupe (68%)			117,434	59,624	57,810	4,972	13,239	38,489	50,187	50.8	49.2	4.2	11.3	32.8	42.7
Hays (69%)			166,549	97,830	68,719	7,870	7,459	50,337	56,706	58.7	41.3	4.7	4.5	30.2	34.0
Kendall (100%)			44,279	31,767	12,512	743	603	10,029	10,509	71.7	28.3	1.7	1.4	22.6	23.7
Travis (7%)			95,935	53,793	42,142	9,023	5,301	26,464	31,016	56.1	43.9	9.4	5.5	27.6	32.3

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**District Population Analysis with County Subtotals
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	Deviation		Total	Anglo	Non-Anglo	Asian	Black	Hispanic	B+H	%Anglo	%Non-Anglo	%Asian	%Black	%Hispanic	%B+H
DISTRICT 25	-13,280 -1.41 %	Total: VAP:	926,898 703,852	546,509 437,886	380,389 265,966	51,124 34,701	51,412 35,234	263,749 181,924	308,100 213,887	59.0 62.2	41.0 37.8	5.5 4.9	5.5 5.0	28.5 25.8	33.2 30.4
Bexar (19%)			377,526	185,244	192,282	26,059	26,719	137,495	160,340	49.1	50.9	6.9	7.1	36.4	42.5
Blanco (100%)			11,274	8,707	2,667	100	123	2,092	2,196	76.6	23.4	0.9	1.1	18.4	19.3
Burnet (18%)			8,620	6,744	1,876	100	144	1,413	1,533	78.2	21.8	1.2	1.7	16.4	17.8
Comal (100%)			161,501	105,250	56,251	3,517	5,409	43,590	48,172	65.2	34.8	2.2	3.3	27.0	29.8
Guadalupe (68%)			116,749	59,340	57,409	4,965	13,146	38,203	49,809	50.8	49.2	4.3	11.3	32.7	42.7
Hays (31%)			75,268	56,568	18,700	2,422	1,377	12,727	13,898	75.2	24.8	3.2	1.8	16.9	18.5
Kendall (100%)			44,279	31,767	12,512	743	603	10,029	10,509	71.7	28.3	1.7	1.4	22.6	23.7
Travis (10%)			131,581	92,889	38,692	13,218	3,891	18,200	21,643	70.6	29.4	10.0	3.0	13.8	16.4