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Message:

As a household with 6 GOP voters, we're very concerned about how district lines will be drawn. We've seen the encroachment of even small slivers of urban areas being included in what are vastly rural districts, causing the make-up of the voters to dramatically shift the focus and values of our very conservative areas of the Texas hill country leftward. We know from many types of voting patterns and maps, that rural areas vote distinctly different than most urban and suburban areas. When 90% of a district is rural and 10% of it touches an urban area, we feel our voices and values get drowned out and the issues important to us then get trumped by the small sliver of the urban area, since the tendency of politicians is to chase the areas where the most votes are.

So we urge this committee to keep urban districts urban and rural districts rural. Rural areas also have very unique issues that urban areas do not share, such as rural broadband and other infrastructure issues that are distinct from urban areas, access to hospitals, property rights issues, agriculture and ranching issues, and tiny school districts with unique challenges that we need our representatives to address and focus on.

Texas voters turned out in record numbers to keep the existing Republican leadership of the state in place, and that should be reflected in how districts are drawn. We shouldn't have dramatically redrawn districts favoring values not shared by the majority of Texas voters or voters of those districts. Please remember to keep rural areas distinct from urban and suburban areas of the state.

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