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Message:

My name is Anne Christiansen. I am a registered voter in Far North Dallas, Dallas County. My community currently votes in State House District 102 and Senate District 16. In this written testimony, I am representing myself.

It's the Senate district line I will address here.

The north Dallas municipalities comprising TX SD 16 now stretch from Coppell and Irving in the west to Garland and Rowlett in the east. The district abuts the northern edge of the Dallas County line in the north.

We are a suburban community of socio-economic and racial diversity. SD 16 has its share of apartment communities, e.g., in Addison and Irving, as well as residence areas like University Park and with multi-million-dollar homes. The district's business tax base is flourishing, with Texas Instruments, Fossil and other corporate headquarters in the district. Notable retail includes North Park Center along Rt. 75, and the Galleria on the North Dallas Tollway. The stable infrastructure base is growing, with additions of the newly opened VA hospital in Garland. The DART public transport system serves into the outer reaches of the district, such as Carrollton and Rowlett.

Increasing numbers of new residents are moving into SD 16 from out of state, attracted by promising property value growth and nationally recognized school districts such as Richardson ISD.

In short, SD 16 is an intact community with a very important commonality: we constituents are all Dallas County residents. Our economic, social, judicial and public safety interests are those of a suburban population - a suburban population of the second largest county in Texas and the sixth largest city in the USA.

The proposed redistricting map for SD suggests that my area of town in Far North Dallas, along with an eastern section of the current SD will be re-districted into SD 2. The proposed SD2 map also includes a section of Collin County, as well as Van Zandt, Rockwall, Navarro and Ellis Counties.

This redistricting proposal is of extreme concern for me, and for my neighbors.

One SD2 Senator cannot possibly represent the divergent interests of a small section of Dallas County as well as the broad swathe of these other rural county areas. The concerns of my suburban, metro population and businesses cannot be reconciled, and should not be compromised, with those of rural areas 100 or more miles away. A Senator cannot be present and responsive to his territory's needs when many hours are needed just to travel between municipalities and other major points of interest within his/her district. With this fractured interested base in the proposed SD2, suitable and otherwise motivated candidates will be deterred from running for the office. Campaign costs to cover such a broad campaign territory would be astronomical.

And, in the end, the elected Senator to proposed SD 2 will bring along his/her own individual background and perspective - rural or suburban that will doubtless be reflected in his/her vote in the Texas Senate. And that's inequitable for the interests of either the rural or suburban communities in this proposed district.

In conclusion, I respectfully demand that the redistricting of SD 16, in part, into SD 2 be reconsidered. Let us proceed with fair redistricting that will enable clear representation of socio-geographic interests.

