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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is John Montes, I live at [REDACTED], McKinney, TX. I am 53 years of age and I am a registered voter. The testimony I give today is based upon my personal knowledge from my experience in my community and as a citizen of the State of Texas.

I want any new district map to fairly represent the voting patterns of Texas. In Texas, all of our statewide officials are Republican. Therefore, any new Congressional seats awarded to Texas as a result of the increase of the Texas population should represent the voting pattern of the state of Texas which is Republican.

I want the new map to reflect one person, one vote as provided in the US Constitution. It is important to me that districts are created so that there is approximately equal voting power in each district, and by "equal voting power," I mean equal voting power of people legally eligible to vote. I want to emphasize that I believe it is important that redistricting is accomplished by our elected officials, like you, who are accountable to the people of Texas.

I strongly oppose any so-called "Independent Panel" that is not elected by the people of the State of Texas. Allowing redistricting to be done by an appointed panel takes away my voice and the voice of people like me in this very important process. For my community in particular you should know that the area is bordered by Dallas County.

Dallas County is encroaching on Collin County which always votes Republican majority. Most of the residents of our area are English speaking; however, there are Spanish speaking residents and the schools provide ESL classes for the students where English is not the primary language spoken in the home. Economically, this area primarily is middle and upper middle class. Collin County also has many Republican Californian and other state transplants who moved here to escape the craziness of their Democrat run states.

They are proud to live in a Red County. The people in Collin County communities enjoy avoiding the politics and drama of Dallas County and City of Dallas. We want to maintain our status.

My precinct votes 60/40 or higher Republican and is Conservative. I hope that my testimony, based upon my personal knowledge of the community in which I live, is helpful

to you in the redistricting process.

