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Message:

Thank you Mr. Chairman and committee members. My name is Sylvia Campos of Corpus Christi, Texas, an activist, a member of for The Greater Good and vice chair of membership for the League of Women Voters and I am representing myself. I recently retired as a Medical Biller. I have voted since I was 18 years old. I am served by Congressional District 27, House District 34, and Senate District 20.

Tragically, Texas legislators have a history of discriminating against people of color, like myself. You have stripped away our land, our language and our rich history. We didn't cross any borders, you crossed ours. You, as Legislators in a representative democracy, must now change this practice of stripping away the voting power of millions of Texans. Show us the maps!

We are asking for a commitment from this Committee to post on public websites the new proposed maps and give the public at least 14 days to review map proposals, then hold VIRTUAL public hearings and USE public input to adjust the maps BEFORE they are voted out of committee. Legislators MUST justify their reasons and racial impact of proposed maps during this process.

You must keep districts as compact as possible and MINIMIZE divisions of cities and communities of interest. Do not place faraway communities that share few interests in the same district just to dilute our VOTES. STOP cutting up THE BODY OF CHRIST. If we are going to fix this, let's begin here. Let's keep ALL communities of interest together.

Let's fix my Congressional District 27! Our Coastal Communities have very little in common with the pieces of four rural counties that are closer to central Texas. District 27 should instead be a Southern Gulf Coast District extending south along the coast down through South Padre Island. Preserving this would give us the ability to advocate for important common issues like Windstorm, Tourism, Ports, maritime commerce, Coastal ecology, and the Fishing Industry.

Let's also look at House District 32 with its questionable cutout of neighborhoods along Everhart and Weber Road.

As you know, the 2020 Census shows that Whites now make up about 40% of the population of Texas. Latinos, Blacks, Asians and other minority groups make up a greater share of the Texas population than Whites yet 60% of Texas lawmakers in this current legislature are White. One political party, in this case Republicans, consistently win a much greater proportion of seats than the total statewide vote. This shows us that rigging partisan

advantage results in racial discrimination.

In closing, when districts are drawn fairly and transparently with public input, prioritizing communities of interest, then elected officials can develop policies and initiatives in the best interest of their constituents AND EARN their future votes.

Protect our democracy. Election integrity begins with fair maps. Thank you for your time.

