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Regarding: Senate

### Message:

I have a redistricting request. Attempting to get federal level congressional support for Padre Island National Seashore, (PINS), issues has been impossible.

Texas' U.S. CD34, Rep Filemon Vela's district, encompasses the whole of the PINS. There are no, zero, nada constituents within PINS. No voters to plead for or against actions on a very popular tourist site for many, many Texans North of the park boundary.

The mass of Rep. Vela's constituents are at the Southern end of his district and tend to spend the bulk of their recreational seashore time and dollars on South Padre Island. Those businesses in his district benefit directly from those tourist dollars. Any effort he would expend to benefit North Padre Island and PINS are at the expense of his own constituent business owners and benefit CD27, Rep. Michael Cloud's district and constituent business owners. Rep. Vela is disinclined to expend any political capital for PINS.

The majority of visitors to PINS are constituents of CD27 and points North, including residents and constituents of Corpus Christi mostly, then San Antonio, Austin, Victoria, Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and smaller towns and cities in between. Businesses in CD27 benefit the greatest amount by the location of the only public access point to PINS on Park Road 22 just to the South end of Corpus Christi.

Even though Rep. Cloud's constituent business owners benefit, Rep. Cloud's influence over events there are limited due to its inclusion in a different CD. Not in his back yard, so to speak.

I think the constituents of both CD27 and CD34 are better served by having PINS incorporated into CD27 from CD34.

Very few constituents would be impacted, if any. Certainly none at all in the park's boundaries. Right now the National Seashore is a political no-man's land with little to no impetus for congressional support.

In your negotiations regarding congressional redistricting issues, please remember this issue. Visitors to PINS need to be heard, and the current representative of it has no political inclination to do so.

Thank you for time,  
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