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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I submit to the committee my comments advocating for a fair approach to redistricting that first relies on an accurate census count of everyone living in the U.S.

The 2020 Census was crucial in mapping out the future of federal funds, and the data is very much depended on for this redistricting process.

Now that you convene to hear public input on redistricting maps that will take us into a future requiring the foresight that addresses a growing state, I would state the importance of fair mapping that takes into consideration members of the public that vote, members of the public who don't and can't vote, and the geography that makes this State so great; including both rural and urban parts of El Paso County and Far West Texas. It would be devastating to not recognize the distinct rural and urban areas of our West Texas communities and eliminate representation or seats in redistricting. Ultimately what is important is that Texas has full compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act, with the ultimate goal of protecting the rights of voters of color, and bringing equity, respect to geographic continuity, and balance to our representation across multiple jurisdictions.

Thank you.

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