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Message:

Hello, I am writing both personally and as a precinct chair in Columbus, Texas. I feel it is my duty to submit the opinion not only of myself, but also of my constituents and represent my area. With that said, I want to be clear that the people's voices are heard. I have the utmost respect for Senator Huffman and Senator Kolkhorst. However, the people of SD18 voted for their representatives, including Senator Kolkhorst. For the Republican Party, it would behoove you to understand that in SD18, we are a rural area that is tight knit, with values and a way of life that is extremely different than that of River Oaks; full of blue collar, hard working people, who would literally give the shirt off their back to help their neighbor. Don't misunderstand me, I love River Oaks and have friends and cohorts who live there. Most can't comprehend why I live in Columbus. However, there are a few who have decided to move here or buy land to live here when they retire. They love it and can't get over how friendly and safe it is here. We hold true conservative values that urban areas would find quite outdated. The Republican Party needs to evaluate what is in the best interest of the people and the party because Texas is really trying to turn purple. We have so many obstacles we are facing as conservatives that we do not need to fight amongst ourselves for a larger or new area, but instead fight together for a higher ground. With that said Senator Kolkhorst can walk into a room in this area and the majority know who she is, but more importantly, she knows many of them by name. She goes out of her way to introduce herself and sit and have a conversation with someone she has never seen before. She fights for them and they know it. She knows how to relate with the people here. Senator Kolkhorst is invested in SD18 and well received and we need that. This is extremely necessary for the rural communities she serves. She does serve us well. She is unafraid to work hard for our families, (ie. the bathroom bill, visiting the border facility, when we are fighting one from coming to Eagle Lake, fighting electricity price gouging, and protecting innocent parents from CAPS,) protecting us, showing up to speak and share information at Townhall meetings. She is rooted here, grew up in a small town, she has strong Christian and family values, supports proper education, which is extremely important to fight for right now, and many other attributes that are relatable. I mean she can sit with cattle ranchers and have a real conversation and relate with them. People look at Senator Kolkhorst and recognize she will roll up her sleeves and do the hard work. She reaches people including the old school Democrats. We want our small community to maintain and protect our core values and culture while raising our children so those values do not get lost as they have elsewhere. Our Nation is lost. It is the responsibility of our Texas Senators to fight to maintain the integrity of this state. I believe Senator Huffman does an amazing job in her area, especially considering

how difficult it is regarding repeat offenders being so easily released out on bail and committing more crimes, which actually happened to my best friend's dad while he took his wife to the doctor in Montgomery County. I support the Damon Allen Act and all Senator Huffman's hard work in her current area, where I work. I love the city of Houston and would be thrilled to live there, but I am raising my children where we believe their best interest is found. I respectfully point out there are stark differences in SD17 and SD18 that need to be evaluated and identify what or in this case who is needed where. We certainly do not want to be grouped into a district that can lean left. That is not how this should work. Don't use our votes to put us into another category that will change our county forever. Don't dilute Rural Texas. Since Senator Huffman is on the Chair of Redistricting, We hope she and each of you have the fore-sight that puts the best interest of the people first. That is what we need from each of you. Let's be real, we have to analyze and recognize what is in the best interest of the Conservative party first and foremost to protect the great state of Texas.

Respectfully,
Bobbie Gustus

