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Message:

Hi committee, my name is CJ Cetina. I am a senior at Texas State University and I have lived in the San Marcos area for over two years. I am a Redistricting Fellowship with Campus Vote Project, an organization that is empowering college students to have a voice in their state's redistricting process. I am also a precinct chair in my community. On behalf of students at Texas State University, we need representatives who listen to our voices and look to understand our needs.

My campus and the San Marcos community are incredibly diverse and makes it unique in comparison to other communities throughout our state. Along the IH-35 corridor, our community is mainly comprised of Latinos, with many students coming from across the state of Texas. San Marcos is a very tight-knit community, whether we are cheering on the Bobcats or memorializing the mermaids at every corner of the square.

However, students are confused about who is representing them in the San Marcos area. This is because our campus and our community are divided among multiple districts at certain levels of our government. For example, looking at our United States Congressional Districts, our campus, and the San Marcos square are both split between Districts 21 and 35. On our campus, most of our student dorms such as Sterry, Laurel, and Arnold are located in House District 35, while others such as Blanco, Falls, and Angelina, as well as our recreation center and one of our dining facilities, are located in House District 21. Additionally, a majority of students, including myself, live near campus in the surrounding community. If you live off of Aquarena or Blanco or Mill Street or Wonder World, you live in House District 35. However, if you live off of LBJ, Ranch Road, or Post Road, you will be in House District 21.

Texas State University in San Marcos needs to be considered as a Community of Interest when redrawing our district lines. It is in the best interests of everyone. We need to make sure that every part of our campus is represented by the same elected officials in order to avoid confusion among voters. Because our campus is diverse in its people and ideas, I believe that this is a non-partisan matter. Because we should also have an equal voice in our government, I believe that everyone benefits from considering our campus as a Community of Interest regardless of political identity.

As students, we also contribute so much to the community. We contribute to local businesses around campus and town, we live, work, eat, and sleep in this community, and we seek opportunities to make a positive difference. These are just some of the reasons why we deserve fair representation, and which is why I am advocating for fair districts to be drawn. I believe that, if we draw fair districts, we will see more students

civically engaged in the San Marcos area and throughout the state of Texas. We will also see representatives who better reflect our community and are better able to advocate for our needs.

Thank you for your time today and have a great rest of your day.

