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**To:** [Senate Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input  
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Date: 2021-09-30  
First Name: Roy  
Last Name: Brooks  
Title: Commissioner  
Organization: Tarrant County Precinct One  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Fort Worth  
State: TX  
Zipcode: [REDACTED]  
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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Dear Chair Huffman,

My name is Roy Charles Brooks and I serve as Tarrant County Commissioner for Precinct 1 in Tarrant County. I have served as Commissioner for seventeen years. Before being elected, I was served as administrator for precinct one under Commissioner Dionne Bagsby, Tarrant County's first African American County Commissioner.

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During my testimony on September 11th, I said the Senate Redistricting committee has a perfect track record of ignoring my concerns and moving forward with proposed plans drawn to intentionally disenfranchise minority voters in Tarrant County. With the passage of the Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 4, you have again followed the same destructive and discriminatory path to silence the voices of my constituents and black and brown voters across Tarrant County.

Since 2010, the population of African American, Hispanic, and Asian American voters has significantly increased throughout our county. At the same time, the Anglo population has declined. In response, you have eliminated the only Senate district where minority voters in Tarrant County can elect a candidate of their choice. A district ordered by federal courts in 2011 after the Senate attempted to dismantle SD10 and crack minority voters into a rural district – exactly as you are attempting to do today.

I am not alone in my calls on the committee and the Chair to immediately remedy the proposed plan by, at a minimum, restoring Senate District 10 to its benchmark. I was beyond disappointed in the Chair of the committee opposing Senator Powell's committee amendment to restore Senate District 10 at the September 28th committee meeting. This amendment was requested by multiple minority leaders in testimony before your committee. Instead, the committee, again, intentionally ignored our calls.

As you approach the passage of these maps on the Senate floor, I write with one last request to restore Senate District 10 as a district where minority voters can elect candidates of their choice. You have time to do the right thing.

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Sincerely,

Roy Charles Brooks  
Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 1





**ROY CHARLES BROOKS**  
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**Precinct No. 1**

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Roy Charles Brooks  
Tarrant County Commissioner Precinct 1