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Regarding: Senate

Message:

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The Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair
Senate Special Committee on Redistricting
P.O. Box 12068
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October 4, 2021

Dear Chair Huffman,

My name is Janice Adams and I live in Pearland, Texas. I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of myself, regarding SB 6 and HB 1 relating to redistricting in Texas.

I fundamentally believe that communities of interest should continue to reside in the same district to ensure African American and other minority voices are not diluted. Texans, particularly Black Texans, have already suffered at the hands of previous gerrymandering and the consistent attack on our voting rights along with a list of other items negatively impacting the Black community like over-policing, food deserts, and lack of healthcare resources.

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I would hope that you will follow the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the US Constitution and Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 while creating these maps. I am also asking that the aforementioned requests would also apply to all redistricting related legislation.

I sincerely hope that the Legislature will lead a fair process that will create fair maps that appropriately represent the changing demographics of Texas.

Sincerely,

Janice Adams