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Cc: Hon. Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair

October 4, 2021

Dear Chairwoman,

It is a pleasure to discuss the impact of recently proposed redistricting maps throughout our state. Correspondingly, one of the districts that could experience an adverse effect of redistricting is one I have the immense privilege to serve. Moreover, several of my neighboring colleagues' districts at the county and state levels serve majority-minority constituents who also face the periling prospect of losing representation.

Notably, Texas's proposed redistricting maps elicit an ominous sentiment regarding the protection of voting rights for minorities and the indigent. Given these concerns, I respectfully ask that we not lose sight of our constitutional virtue that all citizens deserve equitable representation in our legislative branches. Therefore, I hope that the state legislature earnestly considers drawing maps reflective of a fair and balanced democracy. And that voting protections are not infringed due to invidious gerrymandering policies. On balance, in a representative democracy, representation matters, and it is simply unacceptable to draw literal lines in the sand, which only seek to benefit a selected few.

Sincerely,

Keith G. Henry
Commissioner, District 1