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Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Senate Redistricting
Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input

Date: 2021-02-11

First Name: Joyce

Last Name: Smith

Title: CPA

Organization: Self

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Burnet

State: TX

Zipcode: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Joyce Smith and I live in Burnet County.

As you consider redistricting, please consider the following:

Sec 2 of Article 1 of the US Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause 1 of the 14th Amendment requires the construction of legislative districts that are substantially equal in total population. According to the Supreme Court of the United States, taken together they establish the constitutional guarantee of one person, one vote, or the idea that all voters have approximately equal voting power. There are several people who are ineligible to vote - felons, non-citizens, minors, people currently in jail and those deemed mentally incompetent. If there are substantially more people ineligible to vote in the population of one district versus another, the result could be that citizen votes could be diluted, especially in the rural districts, violating the premise of one person, one vote.

Thank you very much for this consideration and all your hard work.

Joyce Smith
Burnet County

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