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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Good Morning Chairwoman and members of the Redistricting committee:

My name is Cassie Tisdell, I'm a resident of East Dallas. Representing myself.

PROCEDURAL RREQUESTS

I'm requesting that you hold hearings again AFTER the maps are in draft but before they are finalized — with at least 1 weeks notice to the public — so that communities have time to review the new lines.

Include with any map a report on how the district plans affect the ability of Voting Rights Act - protected groups to elect candidates of their choice.

Open the session to anyone especially virtually. That is most efficient and effective in caring for the PEOPLE of Texas. We are still in a pandemic. We are the 2nd largest state in the US for land size. It puts an unfair burden on the people.

This would be putting the NEEDS of millions of Texans over the WANTS of a few hundred Texans.

As a member of East Dallas, our votes, my vote, is diluted because of the large geographical area in District 5.

East Dallas members are not represented. The majority rural areas in this same district do not have fair representation either with the population of East Dallas diluting their voting wishes.

I know first hand the differences:

- * I was raised in rural country areas, 20 years.
- * I've lived in a city for 15 years.
- * Most of my family lives in various rural areas and I visit them frequently.
- * I served in the Texas Medical Command helping diverse groups across the state.

There are vast differences in city & non-city communities. One thing is clear communities want and need DIFFERENT things, we experience the world differently, the maps should represent that. Our leadership should represent that. Different should be recognized as different, not as better or worse.

Fair Districts must be drawn so that PEOPLE benefit; they must stop being drawn for a party, president, or policy.

- * I want & believe ALL TEXANS deserve representatives who live in, among, and understand their community.
- * That is the promise of America - representation.
- * I believe we can do that as a minimum in Texas.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

