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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Susan Barzelay and I have lived in North Texas for over forty years. We live in Colleyville a suburb near the American Airlines headquarters and DFW Airport. My husband and thousands in our community work in the airline industry. Colleyville is less than 18 miles from both Fort Worth and Dallas. A great location for my career in the arts. We are blessed to live in an area that has become home to a growing Jewish population and worship at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville - congregants are primarily from surrounding towns and it is an important focus in our lives.

Communities of interest (economy, jobs, religious faith, common ethnic backgrounds, cultural institutions and schools) are an essential part of drawing "Fair Maps". Staying within County lines is critical for Fair Maps and governance issues. The maps presented as a response to population growth in the 2020 Census defy all the standard good practices. As drawn they steal our constitutional right to vote for government officials and representatives who will be responsive to our communities and serve our needs.

Senate District 10 in particular is unacceptable. The proposed map is cracked and packed to prevent (obstruct) minority communities - those primarily of color - the ability to elect a candidate of choice (Senator Beverly Powell or another responsive candidate). The addition of two rural counties will hurt all Tarrant out your residents who live in a cohesive metropolitan area with very different populations, employment, religious faiths, transportation and health service needs. It's plain gerrymandering and can not be tolerated.

Jewish values teach the importance of speaking out against injustice. Reform Judaism has an organization (RAC TX) dedicated to activism and advocating our social justice values. It is that essential to who we are and why we fight for democracy and the principles of our US Constitution. The proposed maps are unjust. Census data demands "opportunity districts" to serve the growing Latino, African American and Asian communities not what we see is obstructing our voices and votes.

We request these maps be redrawn before the legislature accepts a path to further litigation. Texas has a long

history of racial discrimination in
redistricting and it must be stopped here and now. Please restore fair maps to Tarrant County, Senate District 10 and
statewide to protect
democracy and provide the promise of a freedom and justice in Texas.

