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Dear Commissioners:

Congratulations on an outstanding job. You demonstrated that smart, thoughtful Austinites of disparate backgrounds and diverse geographical residences can work together on a difficult task for the good of our city.

There were many critics that described you as naïve and unwilling or unable to timely make the tough decisions. These critics predicted disaster. Your unanimous approval of a fair final districting plan based on real public testimony proves that these critics were horribly wrong.

You have set a meaningful example for this city, state, and nation.

Thank you.

Steve Bickerstaff