

# U.S. House of Representatives

## Washington, DC 20515

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Chairman Phil King  
Texas State Senate  
1100 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Chairman Cody Vasut  
Texas House of Representatives  
1100 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman King and Chairman Vasut:

We write today to invite you to hold a field hearing in the Rio Grande Valley, a growing and vibrant region. To date, neither of your committees have scheduled a field hearing in the four-county region made up of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties.

As you may be aware, the Valley is home to over 1.4 million residents and counting. The region also contributed almost \$40 billion or almost two percent of Texas' gross domestic product in 2023. The Valley is home to two liquid natural gas facilities, SpaceX, the only deepwater port located on the U.S.-Mexico Border, and multiple ports of entry that are economic drivers for the state.

The people of the Rio Grande Valley deserve to have their voices heard. Redistricting is not an isolated process; it has serious consequences for local communities. Critical decisions in Austin related to redistricting should directly involve the voices of the public, to whom the state government is accountable. The redistricting process should be transparent with particular attention paid to underserved communities who would be most affected.

It is unacceptable that neither the House nor the Senate Select Committees on Congressional Redistricting have scheduled field hearings in the Rio Grande Valley, a four-county region that is rapidly expanding. Meanwhile, Texans who live in the major metropolitan areas of Houston, Austin, Arlington, and the Dallas-Fort Worth area have been afforded this opportunity. All we ask is that Texans living in the Rio Grande Valley have the same opportunity to participate in the redistricting process as their counterparts in the major metropolitan areas – nothing more, nothing less.

We therefore invite the Texas House and/or Senate Select Committees on Congressional Redistricting to hold an official field hearing in the Rio Grande Valley that is accessible to all voters in the region.

Sincerely,



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Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress



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Greg Casar  
Member of Congress



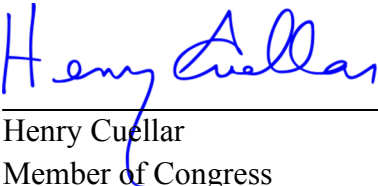
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