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Gentlemen,

I rise to speak in favor of the OVERLAY option in relief of Area Code 336, where I am a current resident and small business owner.

We survived the shredding of 214 in north Texas years ago, as they decided to change residential and business numbers along streets and alleys and put most of the 'wealthy' suburbs into 972 area code. Both have grown enough that they are being overlaid, in the next expansion, probably before 2017!

The only advantage you have offered for ripping 336 apart in a similar manner is 7 digit dialing. That feature is no longer an option to non-wireline subscribers, period. Most phone exchanges in the region have been slowly forcing 10 digit dialing on the dwindling small group of wireline customers that still remain. Like rotary dials, 4 digit dialing, and operators, 7 digit dialing has been a historical anomaly since 2008 and the rise in Federal Government 'lifeline' handset programs.

Add an overlay for 336, while you still have 10 digit dialing available! Perhaps eliminate 1+ on wireline phones and then you will have even more area codes to use.

Sincerely,

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