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Regarding: Senate

Message:

My name is Lorri Haden, of Austin, Texas, and I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of myself. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the egregiously anti-democratic draft congressional map.

I come from a long line of Texans, many of whom made their homes on this soil before Texas was a part of the United States. I also come from a long line of Democrats who have always valued and exercised the right to vote and understood the importance of all citizens participating in the voting process.

I was raised in Lampasas, Texas. My parents and my high school civics teacher, Mrs. McDonald, taught me that it was my duty as an American citizen to vote and that the effective functioning of a healthy democracy depended upon the uninhibited participation of the citizenry in the voting process.

I reside now in Austin, Texas, the fourth largest city in the state. I love, value, and am enriched continually by the breadth and diversity of ideas, belief systems, ideals and cultures of this city. I am saddened and appalled by the deliberate and undisguised attempt to eliminate or significantly dilute the voices of millions of citizens of this state, particularly voices the shriveling Republican Party does not wish to hear.

My mentors taught me to respect and relish the diversity of the inhabitants of this state and to understand that our government, society, culture and economy are strengthened by different ideas, beliefs, and mores. The map eliminates all competitive seats, ignores the growth and influence of communities of color, and gerrymanders the map solely for the partisan power of an anachronistic and dying political party. The map is a clear partisan grab that disenfranchises the voice of the majority and imperils the very foundation of our democracy. The map must be withdrawn and redrawn by an independent, non-partisan committee.

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