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Message:

Dear Special Committee on Redistricting: I am Patrina English, a Montgomery County, Texas resident, representing myself. My written testimony expresses my concern for the proposed Texas redistricting plan and map gerrymandering. The 2020 census shows that the Texas population has grown 16% since 2010, with a 95% increase being people of color, but the map reflects an increased number of majority-white districts. Regrettably, Texas's history of gerrymandered maps has maintained the disparity of representation. I am also concerned about how divided our country is, and gerrymandering and map manipulation will worsen the current social climate. Therefore, I want the following: a) redistricting in Texas to be a transparent and fair process, b) legislators to follow the Voting Rights Act and not discriminate against people of color, c) the committee to draw fair, competitive maps and represent ALL Texans, and d) work to end map manipulation and gerrymandering. Thank you for considering my written testimony. Respectfully submitted, Patrina English