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Regarding: Congressional

## Message:

I am submitting a written comment opposing this redistricting. District maps are traditionally redrawn every ten years and there is no emergency reason to redraw maps at this moment. Texans have more urgent matters- such as flooding mitigation. These changes are going to further erode trust in our election resulting in the voting apathy Texas is known for. These politically motivated actions are not a great representation of the democracy Texas should stand for.

This redistricting has not been transparent nor community centered. I testified at UH last Saturday for the Texas House Redistricting Committee and did not have the benefit of a drawn map to critique. The time after has not allowed for full public input. Especially for the communities of interest being affected. This includes myself and my neighbors.

Any redistricting effort must comply with the Voting Rights Act. I urge this committee protect the voting power of communities of color and lower income communities. Mid-cycle changes often disempower historically marginalized communities, including people of color, women, language minorities, and youth. These changes will be closely scrutinized and challenged if they reduce fair representation. This legislature is already going through legal scrutiny for the 2021 redistricting and will inevitably be in another taxpayer funded legal battle if this passes.

Thank you for your consideration.