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Regarding: Congressional

Message:  
Chair and Members of the  
Committee,

I am here today to say  
in the clearest possible  
terms: I vehemently  
oppose this blatant  
attempt to manipulate  
Texas district maps for  
partisan gain.

Republicans in the Texas  
Legislature are not  
representing the people  
of Texas — you are  
representing a power-  
hungry leader terrified  
of losing control in the  
2026 midterm elections.  
Does redistricting  
sometimes need to  
happen? Possibly. But it  
must be done by an  
independent, nonpartisan  
commission, not used as  
a political pawn to  
secure more seats.

I remember when Texas  
Republicans wanted to  
secede over “too much  
federal interference.”  
Yet now, when Washington  
says “I need five seats

— make it happen,” you  
rush to obey. You ignore  
the pleas of the people,  
hold sham hearings for  
show, claim maps aren’t  
drawn — and then, one  
day later, magically  
produce a full set.  
We’re not blind. We SEE  
YOU. And what you’re  
choosing to stand for is  
not the people of Texas.

And for those who love  
to claim you are the  
party of Lincoln — you  
are not that party. Quit  
hiding behind history  
you no longer embody.  
Quit the theatrics and  
do the job you were  
elected to do: fight for  
the people of this  
state. That means  
helping flood victims,  
repairing our crumbling  
infrastructure, and  
passing legislation that  
actually improves lives.

I oppose this  
gerrymandering ploy.  
Texans deserve fair  
maps, fair elections,  
and real representation.  
Do the right thing.

