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Subject: Opposing Governor Abbott's Mid-Decade
Redistricting Special Session — A Clear Violation of
Justice and Democracy

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I write to express my unequivocal opposition to Governor Greg Abbott's call for a special session to pursue mid-decade redistricting—an action that disproportionately impacts Black and Brown communities across our state. Let's call this what it is: a theft. A theft of power. A theft of representation. A theft of the right to be seen, heard, and valued as equal citizens in this democracy. What's happening today isn't new—it's just dressed up differently. Throughout this nation's history, those in power have found creative ways to steal and suppress, then wrap that theft in the language of law, order, and patriotism.

We stole this land from Indigenous people and called it "discovery."^[1]_{SEP} We stole African men and women, broke apart families, raped their women, and enslaved them for generations—and now in 2025, Texas schoolbooks have the audacity to claim they were simply "seeking job opportunities."^[1]_{SEP} When Black Americans demanded civil rights, they were met with fire hoses, dogs, and bullets. And when the physical chains were finally broken, a new system—Jim Crow and mass incarceration—was built to continue the oppression. Different packaging, same goal. And now, here we are again—watching those in power try to redraw maps in a way that disenfranchises voters of color, ensuring their voices remain unheard in places where they've already fought so hard to be represented. This redistricting is not about fairness or balance. It's about control. It's about fear. Fear of what happens when

Black and Brown communities are empowered, educated, organized, and running for office—sitting on the bench, drafting policy, and shaping the future.

Let's be clear: this is not democracy. This is not justice.

And for those of you who run on so-called "Christian values," I ask: how is this Christlike?^[1]_{SEP} Jesus did not spend his days silencing the voiceless or protecting the powerful. He ministered to the poor, the immigrant, the widow, and the marginalized. He didn't gerrymander his ministry to keep the Pharisees in control—he disrupted their system.

So I urge you today: do not sell your soul for political gain. Reject this redistricting effort. Do not participate in the ongoing sin of systemic suppression. Because history has a way of repeating, and the seeds you plant today will grow—whether good or evil. And if you persist in sowing injustice, I promise you: you will reap the consequences. Maybe not today. Maybe not even in your lifetime. But your children and your children's children will bear the weight of what you do here.

I am watching. We are watching. And we will not be silent. In truth and justice.

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