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## Message:

I am submitting this comment to voice my unequivocal opposition to any attempts by the Texas Legislature to manipulate our

congressional maps through partisan gerrymandering during this special session.

Redistricting should serve the people — all the people — not the political interests of those in power. Unfortunately, what we are

seeing is yet another attempt by Republican lawmakers to draw lines behind closed doors in ways that silence communities, diminish

voter power, and rig the system to maintain their grip on political control. This is not representation. This is manipulation.

Texas is one of the most diverse and fastest-growing states in the country. Our communities deserve maps that reflect that growth

and diversity — not ones that are engineered to fracture neighborhoods, marginalize communities of color, and render competitive

elections meaningless. When politicians choose their voters instead of voters choosing their politicians, democracy is not just

weakened — it's deliberately undermined.

Let's be clear: Gerrymandering is a direct attack on the voice of the people. It steals power from voters, particularly Black, Latino,

Asian, and Indigenous Texans, and it erodes the foundation of fair and equal representation. It's no coincidence that the proposed

maps consistently favor the party in power while diminishing the voting strength of communities that historically support the other.

That is not democracy — it's authoritarianism in disguise.

Texans across the political spectrum want fair maps. They want transparency. They want accountability. And they are tired of seeing

their voices diluted and their communities carved up like political jigsaw puzzles. This is not just a political issue—it is a moral one.

I urge lawmakers to reject any redistricting plan that prioritizes partisan gain over the voices and rights of everyday Texans. I demand

a fair, transparent, and equitable process that honors our state's diversity, respects communities of interest, and upholds the values of democracy.

We are watching. We are paying attention. And we will not be silent while our representation is stolen in plain sight.