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Testimony for 2025 Legislative Redistricting  
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Good afternoon, members of the committee,

My name is Cecilia Fernandez, and I'm a retired senior citizen who has lived in Texas for 51 years. I'm here today not as a politician or policy expert, but as a deeply concerned member of the public—someone who has lived long enough to see how political decisions shape people's lives for generations.

I've worked hard, raised a family, paid my taxes, and contributed to this state. But I never thought that, in my later years, I'd be standing here fighting for something so basic: a fair and functioning democracy.

I'm here today because I'm worried—not just for myself, but for my children, my grandchildren, and everyone who calls Texas home. When redistricting is manipulated to serve those already in power rather than the people, we all lose. Communities are silenced. Neighborhoods like mine are split and diluted. And our trust in government weakens.

We the people deserve fair maps. Maps that reflect our communities—not ones drawn behind closed doors to protect incumbents or

political agendas. Redistricting should never be a tool to divide voters or disenfranchise people based on race, age, income, or party affiliation.

As a senior, I've seen what happens when people give up hope in the system. And I refuse to let that happen on my watch. I want a future where every vote matters, where our voices are heard equally, and where those in power are chosen by the people—not the other way around.

Please—do not draw lines that divide us. Draw lines that reflect us.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for listening to the people of Texas.

