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## Message:

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I say before this committee that I oppose the proposed congressional map. This mid-decade redistricting is clearly designed to flip five Democratic seats to Republican control—and in doing so, disenfranchises Black and Latino voters. This violates the Voting Rights Act by weakening communities of color. We urge the Legislature to halt this power grab, respect constitutional fairness, and delay on-the-fly redistricting until after the 2030 Census. Remember: redistricting appears targeted to dilute the voting strength of communities of color—Hispanic and Black voters who drive much of Texas's recent population growth. That raises real concerns under the VRA's Section 2 protections against "packing" and "cracking." Also, Mid-decade redistricting was last used in 2021—critics say this one in 2025 is purely partisan and lacks legal justification. Experts warn it's a "grossly unfair," "deeply undemocratic" power grab masking partisan advantage. Undermining fair representation weakens democracy. League of United Latin American Citizens v. Perry, which struck down racially motivated redistricting under the VRA. Federal and NGO support is already mobilizing: National advocacy groups like the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC) are highlighting this issue as a major threat to democracy and raising pressure nationwide.