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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

As a Texas resident, I am deeply troubled by the current effort in the Texas Senate to redraw congressional districts, which appears driven more by the desire to secure partisan advantage than by a genuine need to reflect changes in the population or ensure fair representation. I urge the committee to recognize the serious issues and long-term consequences associated with this approach to redistricting.

First, the timing and motivation behind this redistricting are highly suspect. The decennial redistricting should reflect new Census data, but this mid-decade effort is widely seen as a political maneuver to protect incumbents and entrench the party in power, rather than serve the public interest. Numerous independent analysts and citizens have called out this process as blatant gerrymandering designed to insulate politicians from accountability and undermine meaningful electoral competition. Second, this plan threatens to dilute the political power of historically marginalized communities, particularly Black, Latino, and immigrant populations. Redrawing districts to fracture or pack communities specifically to reduce their influence is not only unethical; it appears to violate the principles of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Such practices further erode trust in the democratic process, fostering disenfranchisement and increasing cynicism among voters who already feel disconnected from their representatives. The consequences of this approach are profound: Public trust in our democracy will suffer as voters perceive elections to be rigged for partisan gain, not

to reflect the will of the people

Communities of color and disadvantaged groups will be disproportionately harmed, deepening existing inequities in political power and public resource allocation

Texas's reputation for democracy and fairness will be severely damaged in the eyes of the nation and history.

I strongly oppose any redistricting effort that is not transparent, data-driven, and reflective of the real population shifts in Texas. As elected officials, your duty is to uphold the foundational democratic principle that every citizen deserves a meaningful voice, not just those who support the party in power.

I implore you to halt this anti-democratic process and instead champion truly fair district maps. Failure to do so will not be forgotten by your constituents—and may well be challenged in the courts and in the judgment of history.

