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Testimony attached in PDF of Elizabeth Hameline, Irving, Texas on behalf of self, in solidarity with the constituents of the City of Irving, to the Texas Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting.



Testimony to the Texas Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – Irving, Texas

Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Hameline, and I reside in Precinct 4634, Irving's second largest precinct in Dallas County. I'm a grassroots organizer across the I-35 Corridor and a committed voice for our rural sister counties. I submit this testimony to make clear: by following the demands of Donald Trump instead of your constituents, you are violating your constitutional oath.

At a time when Texans are still recovering from deadly floods, this body has chosen to convene a special session, not to provide relief, but to redraw congressional lines and consolidate power. This is not governance. It's a power grab.

The City of Irving is a minority-majority city, home to one of the largest Muslim AAPI communities in the country. Whether we are Black or Brown, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, or newcomer, every Texan deserves the freedom to vote in a district where their voice matters and their community is whole.

But that's not what's happening.

In 2021, this Legislature fractured Irving into three congressional districts, dismantling majority-minority neighborhoods and shattering communities of interest. One of those districts, CD 6, now stretches across seven rural counties to the south, while District 24 was crafted to include affluent white suburbs to the north, effectively silencing AAPI and Muslim voters in Irving. That map is already the subject of ongoing litigation. And now you want to redraw the maps again, without showing us the maps or allowing us to respond.

You can't claim race didn't matter in 2021 and now claim it justifies a redraw in 2025. The law is clear: race must be considered to protect voters, not weaponized to silence them.

We've seen what happens when we organize. In Irving, Keller, and Mansfield, we defeated Super PAC-funded candidates handpicked by billionaires like Tim Dunn. Voters of color, especially young AAPI, Latino, and Black voters in Northeast Tarrant County and Northwest Dallas County, showed up and won.

And we will do it again.

Our vision is a Texas that reflects its people. 60% of Texans are people of color, yet we make up only 34% of the congressional delegation, and you now seek to reduce that number even further. That's not democracy. It's apartheid-style representation.

So here is my vow: If you ram through new gerrymandered maps at the eleventh hour without public review, we will fight you in court. We will fight you at the doors. And we will organize, precinct by precinct, until the lines on the map reflect the truth on the ground.

Show us the maps. Fix the ones already in court. Or we'll fix them for you.

In solidarity with the constituents of the 77 precincts in the City of Irving.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth K. Hamline". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Elizabeth" and last name "Hamline" clearly legible. The middle initial "K." is smaller and less distinct.

Elizabeth Hamline

Precinct 4634

Dallas County, Texas