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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Progressive Fifth Ward Community Association is submitting this comment to express our strongest opposition to the proposed congressional 18th redistricting plan. The redrawing of congressional 18th district lines threatens to severely undermine the political power and fair representation of communities of color, such as Fifth Ward, which is a minority-majority area that has historically provided a vital voice for African American and Latino populations.

Redistricting should be a process that strengthens democracy—not weakens it. Yet, this proposal, illegally spearheaded by Donald Trump, appears to intentionally dilute minority voting strength by either “cracking” communities into multiple districts to lessen their collective influence, or “packing” them into a single district to minimize their reach in surrounding areas. These tactics not only defy the principles of fair representation but violate the protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act.

Dismantling or weakening these districts through redistricting erodes decades of progress, especially by the late Barbara Jordan, Mickey Leland and Shelia Jackson Lee, and silences the voices of people who are already underrepresented in the political process. This redistricting proposal does not advance equity or justice, instead it undermines public trust, diminishes the value of each vote, and promotes political manipulation over fair governance.

We urge you to reject any redistricting map that dilutes minority voting power or dismantles minority-majority districts. Protecting the political representation of communities of color, like Fifth Ward, is not only a legal obligation but a moral imperative.

Thank you.

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