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JACKIE BUTLER
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Dear Chairman King, Vice Chair Creighton, and Members of the Committee:

I write to you as the El Paso County Commissioner for Precinct 1, representing one of the largest underserved regions in the state, to express my strong opposition to the proposed redrawing of Texas Congressional Districts during this special session.

Let me be clear: there is no urgent need—nor any legal justification—for this redistricting effort. There is no new census data and no court mandate compelling action. What we are seeing is the execution of a purely political directive, one that undermines the legitimacy of this process and sets a dangerous precedent for Texas and the nation. Using redistricting as a tool to consolidate power at the expense of voters is a betrayal of the public trust.

This special session should be focused on the real and urgent challenges Texans are facing—flood and disaster mitigation, failing water systems, housing shortages, and infrastructure deficits in communities like mine. In El Paso County, families in colonias continue to live without basic services, and our residents need to have their voices heard, not silenced. Prioritizing political gerrymandering over these real needs is an unacceptable misuse of the legislative process.

To add insult to injury, though redistricting will undoubtedly target minority communities, notably Latino communities along the U.S.-Mexico border—such as those in my precinct—no physical hearings will be held outside of Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Austin. Further, physical hearings thus far have not offered a specific map proposal to facilitate a discussion or review. This is not public engagement; it is public exclusion.

I urge you to reject any redistricting proposal that intentionally weakens the voice of El Pasoans and border communities. You have the opportunity to stand for fairness and democracy—or to participate in its erosion. Choose the work Texans are actually asking for. Please reject this proposal and return your focus to the issues that matter most to the people we serve.

Sincerely,

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