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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am writing to state my opposition to any mid-decade redistricting of the Congressional map of Texas. I also oppose the map presented by Rep. Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) on Wednesday, July 30. First, the process has been launched in bad faith. The Republican dominated Texas legislature created the current map in 2021 based on the decennial U.S. Census. This map was accurately characterized at the time as protecting GOP majorities while diluting voices of voters of color.¹ Now at the command of President Trump, Governor Abbott and the legislature are preparing to replicate this outcome with a vengeance.

When Texas and Colorado conducted mid-decade redistricting in 2003, after gaining undivided control of their state legislatures, they were the only states to have done so in the modern era.² Except as a result of court orders, to my knowledge, no state has redistricted mid-year since. Second, under the map proffered by Rep. Hunter, not a single district of a Republican incumbent would become more competitive. The plan seeks to add Republican voters to districts of incumbent Democrats in major cities, including Dallas where I live.³ The new map would have a disparate and negative impact on Latino and, especially, Black voters because it undercuts the impact these voters can have on Congressional election outcomes. This is why many of us call the new map racist. I urge you, members of the Texas Senate, to abandon this mid-decade redistricting effort altogether.

Notes:

1. Texas Tribune, 10-25-2021: <https://www.texastribune.org/2021/10/25/2021-texas-redistricting-explained/>
 2. Patrick Marecki, Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting In a Red and Blue Nation, 57 Vanderbilt Law Review (2004): <https://scholarship.law.vanderbilt.edu/vlr/vol57/iss5/9>
 3. Texas Tribune, 07-30-2025: <https://www.texastribune.org/2025/07/30/texas-redistricting-congressional-maps-house-republicans/>
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