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Message:

I am writing to express my outrage and disappointment at the attempts to redistrict the state of Texas without voter or community input. I grew up in Louisiana, lived in Arkansas, and have been in Texas for nearly 10 years. I've spent the last 5 of those years in Houston. I love it here. I love my community, I love the food, I love the museums, I love the Gulf. Even with all of that, I think about moving my household out of state almost every day. I am so disgusted by the continuous attacks against people who are doing everything right - going to work, paying taxes, raising families, going to school. The State cannot have it

both ways — it can't claim to have drawn the maps "color blind" and erase concerns of anti-Blackness and xenophobia, and then claim some of the districts are racially gerrymandered and that white people are losing ground. Either race has nothing to do with it, or what we know is the trust — this is a pathetic power grab that ultimately makes life worse for the majority of voters across Texas. The State of Texas has a very long history of discriminating against voters of color in their district maps and has violated the Voting Rights Act or intentionally discriminated against voters of color in every decade for the past 50 years. I currently live in a state district (TX-145) that has had no federal Congressperson for months (TX-18). Honestly, I had no idea who to call to voice my concerns about the President's new tax law, and no Hill staffer knew how to note my outreach. Not only do I not have representation in the US Congress, but my state

representation (TX-145) barely covers my neighborhood. The district cuts through areas of Houston that don't look like where I live, making it difficult for my representative to determine where to focus her efforts. This ultimately makes it so that the only people winning are those pulling the political strings and profiting from racist laws. The current district maps have never been about serving the public's interest or community's needs. The move to put mid-cycle redistricting on the Special Legislative Session agenda is about increasing the number of Republican districts at the costs of communities of color. This is not about partisanship. This has always been about racial discrimination. The White House has said "jump", and the leaders of Texas are saying "how high?". Instead, we need the State to cooperate with what the people are asking for - fair and transparently drawn district maps that reflect the people living in those lines. The federal court needs to be able to make a ruling in the current litigation, and new maps should be adopted if and when the court deems them necessary. Then our elected officials would be incentivized to focus on what we actually need - improved public transportation, basic infrastructure like sidewalks and road improvements, flood mitigation efforts like de-channelling the bayous and providing space for native habitat.

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