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Dear Chair and Members of the House/Senate Redistricting Committee,

As a Texas citizen I submit my strong objection to the current redistricting map because it dilutes the voting power of certain communities--especially Black and Latino communities. I am not in those minority groups and still believe in fairness and democracy for all! The maps ignore natural community boundaries and split neighborhoods, and weakens their collective voice! It is for political gain. Redistricting in non-competitive districts undermines democracy, erodes trust and may violate the Voting Rights Act.

Fair representation is a core principle of our democracy. Gerrymandering--whether partisan or racial-- strips voters of their ability to hold elected officials accountable and fosters political extremism by reducing competition.

Texans deserve a transparent, non partisan redistricting process. I urge the legislature to adopt a transparent, nonpartisan redistricting process that keeps communities intact and ensures every vote counts equally! ALL Texans deserve maps that reflect the will of the people with equality---NOT the interest of the politicians!

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important issue.

Sincerely,
Melinda Schoppe

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