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Testimony Against Mid-Census Redistricting in Texas During the 2025 Special Session

Chair and Members,

My name is Michael Fladmark, and I'm a resident of Henderson County in Congressional District 5.

I also currently represent the City of Tool being a 5-term elected city council member.  
I am an active member of the Texas Democratic Party being the current Henderson County Chair in my third term, the former State Democratic Executive Council Senate District 3 Committeeman, and the Congressional District 5 Caucus Chair during the 2024 Texas State Democratic Party State Convention.  
In addition, I am an active member of the Texas Progressive Caucus Leadership Team.

I'm here today to speak firmly against this redistricting effort now before the 2025 special session.  
This entire process is wrong: morally, legally, and democratically.

This redistricting is being pushed by the governor on behest of the president at the midpoint of the census cycle, using outdated 2021 data, not to reflect our changing communities, but to serve a federal executive agenda that is clearly aimed at manufacturing more GOP seats.

That is not redistricting; that is rigging.  
This is not about fair representation; it's about power.

It's a blatant political maneuver designed to lock in control without regard for what Texans, especially rural, working-class, and communities like mine, actually need or want.

We already know that if this action goes forward, these new maps will not reflect current population shifts, and they certainly won't reflect the will of voters.  
That's not democracy; that's manipulation.

As the Texas Progressive Caucus has stated, "this effort is neither justified, moral, nor constitutional".  
It undermines trust in our institutions, and it erodes the principle of one person, one vote.

We deserve fair maps.

But after the 2030 census has been completed.

Not maps drawn in a backroom during this special session to satisfy Washington power plays.

I urge this body to reject this redistricting process.

Do what's right; not what's politically convenient. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Michael Fladmark

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