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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Texas  
Legislature's Redistricting Committees,

My name is Rebecca Maggard and I am a concerned resident of Spring, Texas. I am writing/speaking today to express my strong opposition to the proposed off-year redistricting of congressional maps in 2025. This sudden and unscheduled redrawing of district lines, outside of the constitutionally mandated decennial census cycle, is an affront to democratic principles and will have detrimental effects on Texas voters and the integrity of our elections.

Redistricting is a critical process that determines fair representation for all Texans. It is meant to be a deliberate, transparent, and data-driven process that occurs once every ten years, following the U.S. Census, to account for population shifts. Convening an off-year special session to redraw maps, especially so close to the 2026 midterm elections, appears to be nothing more than a blatant attempt to manipulate electoral outcomes for partisan gain.

The reasons cited for this redistricting, particularly the vague "constitutional concerns" raised by the Department of Justice, ring hollow when compared to the established legal precedents and the state's

previous arguments in court regarding its existing maps, especially since it was the Republicans who drew them. Texas has a long history of litigation over its maps, with federal courts frequently finding violations of the Voting Rights Act due to racial gerrymandering. This current move risks further entrenching racially gerrymandered districts, diluting the voting power of minority communities, and inviting further lengthy and expensive legal challenges that taxpayers will bear.

Furthermore, off-year redistricting creates instability and confusion for voters. Our communities have just begun to adapt to the 2021 maps. Changing them again so soon disrupts established relationships between constituents and their elected representatives, complicates voter education efforts, and can lead to disengagement. It makes it harder for voters to know who represents them and how their voice can be heard. I sincerely hope this is not your goal.

This aggressive approach to redistricting also carries significant risks for the state's political landscape. Attempting to draw maps that are too extreme in their partisan aims could backfire, creating "dummylanders" that inadvertently make seats more competitive for the opposition party. This is a gamble with the fundamental right to fair representation for all Texans. I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this proposed action. Prioritizing partisan advantage over fair representation undermines the very foundation of our democracy. We deserve a transparent and equitable redistricting process that genuinely reflects the diversity and will of the people of Texas, not one driven by external political pressure and short-term partisan goals. I respectfully ask that you abandon this off-year redistricting effort and instead focus on addressing the pressing issues facing our state, such as disaster relief and other critical legislative needs. Let the constitutionally mandated decennial process guide future redistricting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Maggard  
Spring, Texas

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