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Message:

I am a Texas voter, and I oppose any mid-decade redistricting, especially while the current maps are still being challenged in court. Furthermore, I oppose any redistricting that does not result in fair representation for all Texans. Texas has a long history of defending voter discrimination, so I urge you to demonstrate this horrible reputation can be erased by preventing communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice.

As Chairman King said in his opening remarks, "Why are we here today?" Exactly! The poorly written and error-filled DOJ letter sent on President's Trump's directions to demand Texas redraw our voting districts so the current president and Governor can remain in power is not just atrocious, it is an affront to every Texan. We expect our House and Senate leaders Governor to do their job and push back boldly as other strong governors across the USA have done. Texas does not bend to outside threats and bribes. The testimonies so far have all clarified the opposition of all Texans this request and clearly shows that Texans do NOT want this. There is no other reason for maps to be redrawn except for political overreach of the Administration.

Texans have the right to fair and equal representation that's achieved through a thoughtful, transparent process that allows meaningful public input. Lawmakers should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps, protect minority voting rights, and respect county lines, city boundaries, school districts and communities of interest. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Texans deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in equal representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed special session. The next scheduled census will be in 2030 and until then all maps should remain as is.

Flood recovery efforts and the safety of Texans should be the top priority, not redrawing political maps.

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I urge this committee to reveal its priorities--so the people of Texas may see what you truly value. Reject this redistricting push and remove this from the agenda. Texas deserves representative districts where all voices are heard and all votes are counted.



Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman & Committee Members,

My name is Terra Anders. I'm retired and work independently as a Consumer Product Quality & Safety Consultant. I live in Taylor, District 52.

As a Texan, I wish this "emergency" legislative session prioritized disaster preparedness, emergency management, and early warning systems—to prevent tragedies like the deaths of more than 130 of my fellow Texans.

When floodwaters strike, we show up for one another. I spent time helping with disaster relief in Sandy Creek, *and I am disappointed that Governor Abbott priority this demand from the DOJ without evidence or push back, and above the real emergency.* Instead of engaging his backbone, he is shelling out \$1.3 million dollars in taxpayers money to make the people of Texas believe this is indeed an emergency. It is NOT!

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Instead, I'm here to oppose an illicit attempt to redraw our congressional districts mid-decade. I'm involved in advocacy efforts from voting rights to public schools—and I share life with these communities. I will stand for them when their vote and voice are under threat.

Texas legislators have long been described as tenacious defenders of voting discrimination. Webb County, for example, has seen its voting power cracked for decades. I fear this rushed process will repeat that harm.

The redistricting process is consequential. It should take months, NOT five days, 2-minute testimonies, and no public access to proposed maps. That's inequitable at best, and disingenuous at worst.

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Thanks you to Rep. Garcia for the work she is doing to aid the survivors of the floods in Kerrville and Sandy Creek.

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