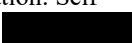

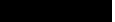


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The proposed mid-decade redistricting effort in Texas is not only unnecessary—it is a direct assault on the democratic principles that underpin our state and nation. At a time when Texans are grappling with real challenges—from recovering after devastating floods to rebuilding communities—state leaders are choosing to prioritize political power over people. This redistricting push is a blatant attempt to manipulate electoral boundaries for partisan gain, and it disproportionately harms communities of color, undermining the very foundation of representative democracy. Texas prides itself on being welcoming for all, but this act proceeds forward, we are most definitely not!

Texas has a long and troubling history of racial gerrymandering. Every decade since the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was enacted, federal courts have found at least one of Texas' maps to violate the law. The current effort continues this pattern. The Department of Justice recently warned that four majority-minority districts in Houston and Fort Worth were drawn "along strict racial lines," rendering them unconstitutional. Yet, instead of addressing these concerns transparently and equitably, Texas leaders are using them as a pretext to redraw maps in ways that further dilute the voting power of Black, Latino, and other minority communities.

This contradiction is glaring. Just weeks ago, Texas officials defended their existing maps as "race-blind." Now, they are embracing the DOJ's concerns, which are biased towards the Trump administration's wishes, to justify a rushed redistricting process that conveniently aligns with partisan interests. This flip-flop reveals the true motive: not to protect voters' rights, but to entrench political power.

Redistricting should be a careful, transparent process guided by data and public input. Instead, Texas is rushing this effort behind closed doors. In 2021, lawmakers held 12 public hearings before drawing new maps. This time, only four virtual hearings are planned, despite the fact that millions of Texans lack reliable internet access. This exclusionary approach silences voices, especially in rural and underserved communities, and erodes trust in the system.

By manipulating district boundaries to favor one party, the redistricting effort threatens to disenfranchise voters and distort representation. Communities that have historically been

marginalized will find it even harder to elect candidates who reflect their values and advocate for their needs. This is not just a political issue—it's a civil rights issue.

Texas is home to the largest number of Black registered voters in the country. Their voices matter. Latino communities are driving the state's growth and deserve fair representation. Yet, the proposed maps risk weakening their influence, denying them access to responsive leadership, and perpetuating systemic inequities.

We must call this effort what it is: a power grab. There is no new census, no court order, and no urgent need to redraw maps. The only urgency is political—an attempt to secure short-term gains at the expense of long-term justice. If allowed to proceed, this redistricting will deepen divisions, disenfranchise voters, and damage the integrity of our elections.

Texans deserve better. We deserve a process that respects our voices, reflects our diversity, and upholds our rights. We urge lawmakers to halt this redistricting effort, engage communities in meaningful dialogue, and commit to maps that serve all Texans, not just the powerful few.

