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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

2025 TEXAS REDISTRICTING AT MIDTERM OF DECADE

HI, MY NAME IS ALICIA SMITH. I LIVE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND AM A CONSTITUENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 19. AS A TEXAN I DEMAND THAT THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE FOLLOW THE U.S.

CONSTITUTION AND CONDUCT A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS. A SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL SESSION DOES NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH TIME FOR A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

I AM AGAINST REDISTRICING DURING A SPECIAL SESSION. PRESENTLY, TEXAS HAS A REAL EMERGENCY IN DEALING WITH OUR DEEPLY FLAWED FLOOD RESPONSE THAT SHOULD BE RESOLVED. I AM A MEMBER OF COMMON CAUSE, PUBLIC CITIZEN, ACLU, AND INDIVISIBLE.

TEXAS LEADERS HAVE REPEATEDLY CLAIMED THE STATE'S VOTING MAPS ARE RACE BLIND. IN 2021 AND

2019 THE COURTS THAT REVIEWED THOSE MAPS FOUND THAT THOSE MAPS INTENTIONALLY DISCRIMINATED

AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR. NOW TRUMP'S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS PRESSURED GOVERNOR ABBOTT TO

REDISTRICT PREDOMINANTLY BLACK AND HISPANIC DISTRICTS "BECAUSE THEY WERE DRAWN ON THE BASIS OF

RACE"! THEIR GOAL IS TO DILUTE MINORITY POWER AND DENY FAIR REPRESENTATION. DIVIDING THOSE

DISTRICTS WOULD GIVE REPUBLICANS MORE SEATS AT THE U.S. HOUSE. THIS MOVE BY THE GOVERNOR AND

DOJ TO INCREASE REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE U.S. HOUSE BY DEPRIVING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

OF THEIR RIGHTFUL REPRESENTATION IS NOT ONLY SHAMEFUL BUT ALSO ILLEGAL.

THEREFORE,

WE DEMAND THAT THE LEGISLATURE:

TAKE PUBLIC INPUT SERIOUSLY AND THAT INPUT BE REFLECTED IN THE MAPS

DOES NOT LIMIT PUBLIC TESTIMONY
PROVIDE THE MAPS
PROVIDE AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO REVIEW THE MAPS
THEREFORE,
WE DEMAND THAT THE LEGISLATURE:

PROVIDE AT LEAST 5 DAYS TO REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MAPS
PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF HOW MAPS IMPACT HISTORICALLY DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES OF
COLOR
DOES NOT DESTROY ASPECTS OF LEGISLATURE'S WORK (DATA, COMMUNICATIONS,
CONSULTATIONS,
PROPOSALS). CLAIMS OF LEGISLATIVE PRIVILEGE HAVE NO PLACE IN REDISTRICTING.

THANK YOU FOR THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO THIS MATTER,
ALICIA SMITH

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