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Message:
Hello Committee Members,

I came to the public hearing in Arlington on Monday July 28th and spoke to the fact that out of about 600 people in the hearing only one person was in favor of the redistricting effort. That comes to 0.16% of the people in attendance at the meeting was in favor of the redistricting effort. Chair Cody Vasut made it abundantly clear that he had no knowledge of any potential maps and he himself was not working on any maps at that point in time. I was astounded to find that a map was released less than 36 hours after the end of that meeting. If he had no knowledge of a map and had not himself been working on a map, how then was a map put together in such a short amount of time?

After hearing the testimony of hundreds of people and having thousands of written comments submitted that were in opposition of the mid-decade redistricting effort I am astounded that this effort is moving forward. The Republicans on the committee obviously had no intention of listening to the will of the people they represent. Instead they are more interested in bending knee to the occupant of the White House, who specially called on Texas to give him five more seats in Congress. I am appalled by this clear power grab at the expense of Texans. I am appalled that Republicans are willing to throw away 200 plus years of democracy to give in to a want to be dictator by stripping the peoples ability to elect representatives of their choice by using racially gerrymandered maps to crack and pack people of color out of a voice in government.

The Republican Party in Texas defended in court the 2021 district map that we currently use as being drawn race blind. How is it then

that the DOJ is urging Texas to redistrict due to racial preference? Either the Republican Party was lying when they defended their 2021 map or they are lying now. Both cannot be true at the same time.

I am disgusted by how the Republicans are willing to disenfranchise people of color to hold onto power instead of doing their jobs to actually represent the people they were elected by.

To the Democrats I implore you to break quorum to prevent this sham from moving forward.

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