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Regarding: Congressional

Message:  
Re: Establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear Legislators,

I write to express profound concern regarding the 2025 mid-decade congressional map proposal—which has sparked a highly contentious saga in Austin. Led by Representative Todd Hunter and his chosen law firm, Butler Snow, this map aims to add up to five new GOP-leaning U.S. House districts by reshaping key metropolitan areas including Austin, Dallas–Fort Worth, Houston, and South Texas

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#### Why Texas Democrats Left the State

On August 3, 2025, over 50 members of the Texas House Democratic Delegation fled the state to block quorum for the special redistricting session—a deliberate act of protest aimed at preventing the passage of what they regard as racially gerrymandered maps. They argued the proposal systematically dilutes the voting strength of Black and Latino communities by fragmenting their neighborhoods into Republican-leaning districts

Democratic legislators publicly condemned Todd Hunter’s map not merely as partisan, but as racially oppressive. As State Rep. Gene Wu framed it, Republicans were deploying “a racist, gerrymandered map ... using racial lines to divide hard working communities who have spent decades building up their power and strengthening their voices,” and Attorney General Ken Paxton’s legal opinion that the map was “legal” only inflamed concerns further

Democrats chose absence over acquiescence—accepting risks of arrest warrants, daily fines, and loss of office—to stand against what they see as a constitutional and moral attack on equitable representation . Then these Maga fools are threatening their lives. Unacceptable.

#### Why an Independent Commission Is Vital

##### 1. Removes Partisan & Racial Bias

Putting map-drawing in the hands of Butler Snow and Rep. Hunter invites extreme partisan influence and racial manipulation. A nonpartisan commission would operate with impartial

governance criteria and public transparency.

## 2. Protects Minority Voting Rights

Independent commissions follow objective standards—respecting communities of interest, avoiding unnecessary splitting, and ensuring compliance with the Voting Rights Act—helping prevent harmful dilution of Black and Latino votes.

## 3. Restores Public Confidence

In contrast to a special session driven by external political pressure and lawsuits, an independent body can uphold legitimacy and democratic process, countering perceptions of authoritarianism. Plus now the world sees how Terrible Texas Maga Lawmakers are. This would not have happened if the Texas Delegation Dems would have stayed to be humiliated.

## 4. Aligns with Democratic Norms

From Canada to Australia, nonpartisan redistricting is the gold standard. Texas should follow suit, institutionalizing fair map drawing based on neutral criteria—not partisan advantage  
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### Recommended Action Steps

Immediately halt any further action on the Hunter–Butler Snow map and reject its premise that racial divisions are permissible or legal.

Pass legislation establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission composed of neutral experts, tasked with drawing fair congressional (and legislative) boundaries under transparent criteria.

Ensure open participation—public hearings, published draft maps and data, and continuous public access to the decision-making process.

Texas deserves a redistricting process that lives up to democratic ideals—one that is fair, transparent, and respectful of every Texan's voice. An Independent Commission is the only viable path toward rebuilding faith and ensuring representation truly reflects the people of Texas.

Thank you for your consideration. I remain available to assist in drafting legislative language, coordinating public outreach, or providing expert testimony.

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