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Message:
I am writing to you today in utter disgust and profound alarm at the brazen, anti-democratic power grab that is HB 4. This bill—spearheaded by Governor Abbott and Republican legislators at the behest of Donald Trump—is a tyrannical assault on free and fair elections. It seeks to gerrymander five Democratic seats out of existence, silencing millions of Texans, particularly communities of color in our metropolitan areas, to appease a defeated president desperate to cling to power.
This is not governance; it is sabotage. Texas's growth is fueled by diverse, urban communities, yet HB 4 dilutes their voices to create 30 GOP-favored districts out of 38—a grotesque overrepresentation of Republican power in a state Trump won by only 14 points. The map surgically targets Latino-majority districts in South Texas, dismantles Black voting strength in Houston and Dallas, and forces Democratic incumbents into primaries or unwinnable terrain. This is a direct continuation of Texas's shameful history of racial gerrymandering, condemned by federal courts every decade since the Voting Rights Act passed.
The damage will extend far beyond Texas. Democratic states like

California and New York—representing far more congressional seats—have vowed to retaliate by erasing every Republican district in their states. This nuclear arms race of gerrymandering will shatter national cohesion and make the U.S. House irreparably partisan. Moreover, businesses are already vowing to pull investments from Texas, fearing the economic catastrophe that follows when a state abandons democratic norms. HB 4 is a betrayal of Texans, a felony against democracy, and a surrender to Trump's authoritarian whims. I demand you reject this poison—or be complicit in killing representative government. VOTE NO ON HB 4.