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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Representatives,

I am writing as a concerned constituent in Texas House District 87 (Amarillo area), urging you to take a stand against the current congressional redistricting effort and associated threats to democratic norms.

I am deeply troubled by the ongoing push for mid-decade redistricting in Texas—led by Governor Abbott at the urging of President Trump—which aims to redraw maps that would grant Republicans up to five additional U.S. House seats before the 2026 midterms.

This maneuver risks cementing partisan advantage at the expense of fair representation and may marginalize communities of color, especially in Austin, Houston, Dallas–Fort Worth, and South Texas.

Recently, more than 60 Democratic state legislators fled Texas to deny the House a quorum, delaying the vote on

the map and broader conservative legislation. In response, Governor Abbott has threatened to arrest or charge lawmakers who remained away—a chilling escalation and abuse of power that criminalizes political dissent under threat of felony penalties

I strongly object to the redistricting scheme and the intimidation tactics deployed to silence elected representatives. This is not just about where lines are drawn—it's about protecting democratic institutions and respecting elected officials' duty to represent their constituents without fear of retribution.

As my state representatives, who are given power by the people, I respectfully ask you to:

Vote against any redistricting proposals that appear designed to gerrymander and reduce the electoral voice of minority and Democratic voters;

Condemn publicly any threats to arrest or prosecute legislators exercising their rights and responsibilities;

Support reforms toward nonpartisan or transparent redistricting processes that uphold equal representation and the Voting Rights Act.

I believe Texans—including those in Amarillo and the broader Panhandle—deserve equal, fair representation in Congress, free of partisan manipulation. I hope you will stand on the side of democratic integrity and constituent rights.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving the

people of Texas.

Sincerely,  
Derek Johnson  
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