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Regarding: Congressional

Message:
Subject: Stop Partisan Gerrymandering — Protect Veterans and Communities of Interest

To the members of the Senate Redistricting Committee:

My name is Donna Wurster, a military veteran and a Texas resident of Collin County. I'm submitting this testimony to oppose any redistricting maps that further divide or weaken the voting power of communities like mine. Veterans are part of nearly every zip code in Texas, yet we are often treated like political afterthoughts when lines are drawn without transparency or fairness.

Veterans rely on predictable access to VA clinics, hospitals, transportation systems, and representation that understands our unique needs. When our districts are drawn for political gain, we lose meaningful representation and support.

Please keep communities whole — including communities of veterans, working families, and people of color. Stop the practice of packing, cracking, or manipulating districts to serve short-term power plays.

I urge you to make this process fair, accessible, and grounded in the constitutional rights we swore to defend.

The US Constitution is clear on two points. Amendment 10 says powers not specifically granted to States and not prohibited as reserved to the States. Article I Section 2 clearly states that actual Enumeration will take place “within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such a Manner as they shall by Law direct. The number of Representative shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand.” This statement is clear and does not leave room for any discretion to the governor and the Legislature. This practice is clearly unconstitutional and no Texas law allows it or regulates it. The practice itself has never been challenged in court, only the resulting maps have been challenged. Should the redistricting go forward, I will seek counsel to challenge it on these grounds.

Sincerely,
Donna Wurster
Veteran, U.S. Army
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