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Written Testimony Opposing Redistricting Efforts by the Texas State House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting

To the Honorable Members of the Texas House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

I submit this written testimony in strong opposition to the Committee's current efforts to redraw congressional district lines outside of the regular decennial process. This unusual and deeply concerning move goes beyond the political fate of any one member of Congress or the borders of any one district. It strikes at the heart of our democratic system and is, fundamentally, an attack on the rights of all Texans.

Redistricting is intended to reflect changes in population based on the U.S. Census, conducted once every ten years. That process is a constitutional and democratic obligation, not a political weapon. What we are witnessing today is not redistricting for representation, it is redistricting for retaliation.

This Committee's actions appear motivated not by data, fairness, or public input, but by political expedience and an effort to manipulate electoral outcomes. Such efforts erode public trust in our institutions and disenfranchise communities across the state. When district lines are redrawn to serve those in power rather than the people, we all lose.

Let me be clear: this is not about protecting a particular politician or party. It is about protecting the principle that voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

Texas belongs to all of us. Our voices and our votes must matter equally. This Committee's attempt to alter congressional boundaries outside of the constitutionally prescribed process is an affront to every Texan who believes in free and fair elections. It undermines the very foundation of representative government.

I urge this Committee to immediately cease its redistricting activities and to respect the processes and principles that safeguard our democracy. Do not use this body to rig the rules and future elections. Use it to protect the rights of the people of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

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