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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Jason Smith. I am a native Texan submitting this written testimony to express my strong opposition to the proposed redistricting effort currently under consideration.

Texans—not a convicted felon from New York City with a history of trying to overturn elections—should decide how our state is represented. For a state that has long prided itself on resisting federal overreach, this effort is not only hypocritical, it's downright pathetic.

I was born here. I raised my kids here. I've lived in diverse communities where many people like myself don't vote Republican, and this redistricting effort seeks to draw dividing lines through those kinds of communities to dilute our voices and reduce our representation. That's not democracy —that's manipulation.

This redistricting push has nothing to do with population growth or fairness. It is a partisan attempt to rig the system. A man now back in the White House wants to reshape Texas districts to benefit himself

politically, and Governor Abbott appears more than willing to comply.

Let's not pretend otherwise—this is part of a national plan to entrench one-party rule. Texans deserve fair maps. Our voices should count equally whether we live in Houston, Lubbock, or the Rio Grande Valley.

Even more concerning is that this plan is being rushed through during a special session meant to address flood recovery. That is cynical and a betrayal of the trust Texans place in their leaders.

This is not about political parties it is about whether the people still choose their leaders, or whether politicians are choosing their voters.

I urge you to reject this power grab. Please show that in Texas, we still believe in representative democracy. Texans are watching, and we will remember who stood for fair representation and who chose to undermine it.