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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

To the Texas State House Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting:

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5. Pressure for Federal Action: If more states start changing maps for political reasons, Congress or the courts may step in to stop it. That could lead to big changes in how redistricting works nationwide.

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