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Regarding: Congressional

Message:  
Honorable Members of the  
Texas Legislature,

I am writing to submit  
this testimony in strong  
opposition to the proposed  
congressional  
redistricting plan  
(PlanC2308/SB 4) currently  
under consideration by the  
Texas Legislature. As a  
concerned Texas citizen, I  
urge you to reject this  
redistricting proposal for  
the following critical  
reasons:

**\*\*Violation of Voting  
Rights and Equal  
Representation\*\***

This redistricting plan  
fundamentally undermines  
the voting rights of  
communities of color  
across Texas. The proposal  
deliberately dismantles  
four congressional  
districts that the U.S.  
Department of Justice has  
identified as protecting  
the voting rights of Black  
and Hispanic voters.  
Specifically, the plan:

- Splits voters of color in Tarrant County among multiple neighboring Republican districts, diluting their voting power
- Alters the shape of the 35th Congressional District in Central Texas, which was originally created by court order to protect the voting rights of people of color
- Targets Democratic-held districts in the Austin, Dallas, and Houston metro areas, as well as South Texas, where communities of color have significant representation

**\*\*Partisan Gerrymandering at Its Worst\*\***

This redistricting effort represents blatant partisan gerrymandering designed to guarantee Republican electoral victories rather than ensure fair representation. The plan is explicitly designed to:

- Create five additional districts that would have voted for Trump by at least 10 percentage points in 2024
- Increase Republican control from the current 66% to an even more disproportionate level
- Follow presidential directives rather than serve the interests of all Texans

**\*\*Lack of Public Input and Transparency\*\***

The rushed timeline and secretive process surrounding this redistricting effort deny Texas citizens meaningful

participation in decisions affecting their representation for the next decade. The Legislature is attempting to fast-track this proposal without adequate time for public review, comment, and deliberation.

**\*\*Constitutional and Legal Concerns\*\***

This redistricting plan violates state and federal constitutional requirements for fair representation. The deliberate targeting of minority communities and the explicit partisan motivation behind the map changes raise serious legal questions that will likely result in costly litigation for Texas taxpayers.

**\*\*Recommendation\*\***

I respectfully urge you to:

1. Reject the current redistricting proposal (PlanC2308/SB 4)
2. Implement a transparent, inclusive redistricting process that prioritizes fair representation over partisan advantage
3. Ensure that any new congressional maps protect the voting rights of all Texans, including communities of color
4. Allow adequate time for meaningful public input and review

The integrity of our democracy depends on fair electoral maps that represent the true will of the people, not the partisan interests of

politicians. Texas  
deserves better than a  
redistricting process  
designed to predetermine  
electoral outcomes and  
silence the voices of  
minority communities.

I ask that you vote  
against this redistricting  
proposal and work toward a  
fair, transparent process  
that serves all Texans  
equally.

Thank you for your  
consideration of my  
testimony.

Respectfully submitted,  
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