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Message:

As a native Houstonian and proud resident of this city, I am outraged by Senate Resolution 5 (SR 5)—a shameless and undemocratic attempt to redraw Texas’ congressional map for the sole benefit of the Republican Party. These proposed districts are not only absurd in their geography—they are an outright attack on fair representation, community power, and the basic promise of our democracy.

Under this new map, Houston—one of the most diverse and dynamic cities in the country—would be carved into five grotesquely shaped congressional districts that stretch across hundreds of miles, roping in distant cities and counties that have little to no shared interest between communities. These lines are not about representation—they are about control. They erase the voices of Black and Brown Houstonians, dilute voting strength on shared community interest, and manufacture districts that serve partisan interests, not the people who live in them.

This is gerrymandering at its worst. And it is no accident.

SR 5 was pushed through in a special legislative session that claimed to prioritize public safety and flood protection in the wake of the devastating Hill Country floods. Yet while our state leaders speak of recovery and resilience, they are simultaneously trying to rob us of the very representation that would ensure those needs are met. You cannot claim to care about protecting Texans from future disasters while actively working to strip them of their political power.

It is disappointing—and frankly, disgusting—that our state’s leadership is using this moment of tragedy as

cover for one of the most aggressive power grabs in recent memory. Redistricting should be about drawing fair maps that reflect our communities—not dividing us to protect incumbents or curry favor with a former president.

SR 5 makes a mockery of representative democracy. It silences Texans and Houstonians. It violates the spirit—and likely the letter—of the Voting Rights Act. And it ensures that millions of Texans will be represented by someone who has no real connection to their lives, their neighborhoods, or their future.

I stand in strong opposition to SR 5. I stand for Houston. I stand for fair maps. And I stand with every Texan who believes that we deserve a government that reflects us—not one that rigs the system to stay in power.

