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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

As a proud resident of Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed 2025 redistricting plan currently under consideration. This mid-decade redrawing of congressional districts—outside the standard post-census process—raises serious concerns about fairness, transparency, and the integrity of our democratic institutions.

The proposed changes appear to be driven by partisan interests rather than the needs and voices of Texas communities. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one political party, this plan threatens to dilute the voting power of historically underrepresented groups, particularly Black and Latino Texans. Such actions undermine the principles of equal representation and violate the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act.

Moreover, the lack of transparency in the redistricting process is deeply troubling. Public input has been minimal, and reports suggest that maps are being drawn behind closed doors with little regard for community feedback or demographic realities. This erodes public trust and sets a dangerous precedent for future redistricting efforts.

I urge you to reject this plan and instead commit to a fair, transparent, and community-centered redistricting process. Our democracy depends on maps that reflect the true diversity and will of the people—not the political ambitions of a few.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I respectfully request that my concerns be entered into the public record.

Sincerely, Julia Kovalenko, PhD Houston, TX