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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart, full of rage, shame, and profound disappointment.

The recent special session vote to redraw Texas's congressional map — deliberately engineered to add five more Republican seats — is a disgrace. It is not just a betrayal of democracy, it is a brazen manipulation of it. This is not representation; this is domination. This is not politics; this is power-hoarding at the expense of the people.

I am angry because I know this isn't about fairness, it's about fear — fear of a more diverse, engaged, and evolving Texas. Fear of communities that have been historically silenced finally finding their voice. Fear of losing control. And instead of facing that future with integrity, you've chosen the coward's path: rig the map, rewrite the rules, and call it legal.

I am ashamed because this didn't happen in the shadows. It happened in broad daylight, with the arrogance of those who believe they will never be held accountable. You held a special session — not to address poverty, healthcare, education, or infrastructure — but to redraw lines on a map to serve your political ambitions. What an insult to the people of Texas.

What you've done is theft. Theft of representation. Theft of trust. Theft of the very idea that a government can be of, by, and for the people. You may think you've secured your power for another election cycle, but you've eroded the very foundation of that power — legitimacy.

Texas deserves better. Our children deserve better. Democracy deserves better.

And while you may have rigged the map, you cannot rig the truth. The truth is, history will remember this moment for what it is: a shameful, undemocratic power grab fueled by fear and entitlement.

We are watching. We are grieving. We are furious. And we will not forget.