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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Laura Ponce and I am opposed to the proposed plan to redraw congressional districts in Texas in the next coming months. I am concerned that the process is being mandated by people outside of Texas that want to influence the 2026 and 2028 congressional and presidential elections, and not allow for fair and effective representation in Congress by people elected by Texans. I also believe that the affected communities will have worse representation at the federal level because the new districts will be stretched out over larger geographic areas. Texas's huge landmass and rural areas present a unique challenge when it comes to representation. Members of congress are more effective when they have districts with a geography that is centralized and not stretched out.

The congressional districts should be drawn to properly represent the Texans in their communities with shared geography and infrastructure needs. In order to accomplish the mandate of the president, districts will have to be carved out of parts of metropolitan areas and then stretched out over multiple rural counties. How can a member of Congress properly advocate for federal funds for their community if their is no continuity of needs? People in both metropolitan and rural communities will suffer.

I also think that this process of attempting to redistrict outside of protocol sends a chilling signal to fellow Texans. If you follow through with this process and change congressional districts with the sole purpose of increasing seats for one party, it means that we no longer live in a democracy. Whatever respect and authority our government has left, it will be eroded because we know that our votes are being manipulated by a government that wants us to live in a one party system. We might as well live in a communist country if we are going to be ruled by one party.

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