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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I'm writing as your constituent to express my strong opposition to HB 4 and the ongoing mid-decade redistricting process.

Texas completed its redistricting in 2021 following the U.S. Census, as required by law. There is no new population data to justify a second redraw at this time. Redistricting now, outside the normal 10-year cycle, sets a dangerous precedent and undermines public trust in the process.

This special session was called just one week after severe flooding affected communities across Texas. Our state's focus should be on recovery and meeting urgent needs, not on redrawing maps behind closed doors.

The current process raises serious concerns:

The proposed maps were released with little notice, leaving the public little time to review or respond.

Hearings have been scheduled with minimal advance warning.

Communities of color are being split or packed in ways that reduce fair representation.

Lawmakers are working with outside consultants in private, limiting public transparency.

Thousands of Texans have already spoken up. More than 3,000 people testified at redistricting hearings last week, and over 4,000 public comments were submitted. The message is clear: Texans want a process that is open, accessible, and accountable.

I urge you to oppose HB 4 and commit to a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and reflective of all the people of Texas. Our state deserves maps that are drawn through a process centered on data, community input, and the principles of equal representation.

Thank you for your service. I will be watching closely as this issue moves forward.