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## Message:

My name is Lexis, and I'm speaking on behalf of every Texan who's been told, through drawn lines and silenced voices, that their vote doesn't matter.

I am making this comment today because the foundation of our democracy is under threat not from foreign powers or economic instability but from a pen stroke behind closed doors. Gerrymandering is not governance. It is manipulation. And we see it. We feel it.

Let me be clear: This is not about red versus blue. This is about right versus wrong.

In the last census cycle, 95% of Texas's population growth came from communities of color—Latino, Black, Asian, Indigenous. And yet those same communities were systematically split, packed, and cracked into districts where their voices were minimized instead of amplified. That is not representation. That is erasure.

Texas is one of the youngest, fastest-growing, and most diverse states in the country. But our political maps do not reflect that. Why? Because some would rather cling to power than compete for it fairly.

According to the Princeton Gerrymandering Project, Texas's current congressional maps received an "F" for partisan fairness. Only 3 out of 36 districts were considered competitive in 2022. That's not democracy—it's dictatorship with a smile.

But let me tell you what's even more dangerous: The

belief that Texans won't notice. That we're too distracted, too divided, or too disillusioned to care.

You're wrong.

To those of you who are still undecided, I urge you: Be bold. Be remembered for your courage, not your compliance. History does not look kindly on those who uphold injustice just because it's politically convenient.

And to those voting in favor of these gerrymandered maps know this: You may redraw districts, but you will not redraw our resolve. We will fight this in the courts, in the streets, and at the ballot box. Because power that is stolen is never secure.

Texans deserve fair maps. Texans deserve choices. Texans deserve leaders who earn their seats not inherit them from rigged lines.

We are here. We are many. We are ready. And we cannot be ignored.

I hope you'll stand with me in calling for an end to gerrymandering in Texas. It's not just about politics it's about power, fairness, and the right of every Texan to be heard.

Thank you.