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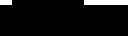
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Message:

Please see the attached letter to the Texas Senate Special Committee on Restricting in Opposition to Premature or Politically Motivated Congressional Redistricting Efforts in Texas.

Thank you.



## Testimony for the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting

From:

Louis Bernardy

San Antonio, Texas

July 29, 2025

To:

The Honorable Members of the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting

Texas State Capitol

**Re: Opposition to Premature or Politically Motivated Congressional Redistricting Efforts in Texas**

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Special Committee on Redistricting:

I submit this letter as testimony in strong opposition to any proposal that seeks to redraw Texas's congressional districts prior to the next decennial census in 2030. Such an effort would be unprecedented in this context, legally questionable, administratively disruptive, and democratically corrosive.

Texas completed its most recent redistricting cycle in 2021, following the 2020 U.S. Census, as required under federal constitutional principles and consistent with historical practice. Redistricting in this country has long been conducted on a once-per-decade basis, in tandem with the census, to reflect updated population and demographic data. Any attempt to deviate from this cycle—particularly one motivated by partisan ambition—undermines the integrity of our democratic system and violates the public trust.

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### 1. No Constitutional or Statutory Justification for Redistricting Now

There is no constitutional requirement—state or federal—for mid-decade redistricting under current conditions, nor is there any compelling legal justification for doing so in the absence of a court mandate. While technically permissible, mid-decade redistricting is legally controversial and politically destabilizing, especially when done without new census data or judicial intervention.

The Texas Constitution provides for legislative redistricting following the decennial census and does not contemplate redrawing maps mid-decade for purely political reasons. In the absence of a judicial finding of constitutional infirmity or a violation of the Voting Rights Act, there is no defensible basis for redrawing Texas's congressional districts at this time.

Any such move would represent a dangerous abuse of power and would almost certainly invite costly litigation—an outcome Texas taxpayers should not be forced to underwrite.

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## 2. A Transparent Attempt to Silence Minority Voters

Let us be clear: the call by former President Trump to redraw congressional districts now is a thinly veiled attempt to suppress the growing political power of racial and ethnic minorities in Texas.

According to 2020 Census data, more than 95% of Texas's population growth between 2010 and 2020 came from communities of color. Hispanic Texans alone accounted for more than half of the state's population increase during that period. Yet the redistricting maps adopted in 2021 failed to meaningfully expand minority representation. These maps were promptly challenged in court and criticized as discriminatory by numerous civil rights organizations, including the NAACP, MALDEF, and the U.S. Department of Justice, which filed suit against the State of Texas in 2021 under the Voting Rights Act.

To engage in another redistricting cycle now—without new census data or legal compulsion—is a brazen attempt to lock in political power by disenfranchising communities whose influence continues to grow.

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In closing, I respectfully urge this Committee to reject any attempt to circumvent the established redistricting cycle and to instead uphold the democratic principles that have long guided our state and nation. We must not allow political expediency to overrule constitutional order, equity, and fairness in representation.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony and for your service to the people of Texas.

Sincerely,

*Louis Bernardy*

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