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Retired U.S. Military, Bronze star recipient, member of Common Defense.
Good Evening. My name is Michael LePak, a security officer living in San Angelo Texas. I also represent Common Defense, the largest grassroots organization of progressive veterans in the country. I took an Oath to support and defend this constitution-an oath that doesn't end with military retirement. That's why I am here today.
Texas completed it's redistricting in 2021. The decision to redraw these maps again raises serious concerns for veterans like me and the communities we live in. Redistricting should be based on fair representation-not politics. Federal attention has focused on how certain districts, like 9, 18, 29 and 33, are drawn. But redrawing maps without clear legal justification or transparency undermines trust in our democracy-and opens the door to disenfranchisement.
In El Paso, the courts ruled that maps are not racially gerrymandered. So why revisit them now?
When a Crisis hits-like recent flooding across Texas-we don't come together as Republicans or Democrats. We come together as Texans. That same unity and fairness should guide this process.
I respectfully urge this committee: do not redraw these maps for political

reasons. Protect the voices of everyday
Texans-Especially working families,
veterans, and communities of color.
Thank you for your time. God bless
Texas, and God bless the United States

