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Message:

Hello, my name is Rae Rogers. I am writing on behalf of the Brazos Valley Community Coalition which has members located throughout the entire Brazos Valley in Congressional District 10. I am commenting on the Legislature's attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census. I am strongly opposed to these efforts. This brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful. How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents residents like me from having our voices heard on policies that affect us. For example, here in Burleson County there are many people struggling to afford healthcare coverage, and the Tax Bill that was just passed by Congress by the narrowest of margins threatens to kick even more people off the Medicaid rolls. Texas already has the highest rate of medically uninsured in the country. If we had adequate representation for our communities, this Tax bill might not have passed. For our democracy to function, the public needs to have a voice in the process. Please remember that a functioning democracy requires ALL to participate. It is unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to holding hearings without having maps visible to the public a map. How do you expect the public to participate in this process? The Legislature clearly plans to ignore public input and pass maps that discriminate against communities of color. Therefore, I am asking that this Committee to commit to holding a public hearing after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee. You must also give the public a minimum of 5 days notice and capability to review the maps before this hearing. I also want the legislators who draw the maps to explain why they chose to draw them that way. Please listen to US. The communities will continue to take all the actions such as rallies, protests, and petitions to be heard. The time is now to listen and talk with your community. We are organizing, we are paying attention, and we are going to be voting accordingly. Thank you so very much for your time and attention. God Bless Us ALL.

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