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**Written Testimony of Rodney LaBruce**  
**Regarding Mid-Decade Congressional Redistricting**  
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***"This written statement supplements my oral testimony delivered via Zoom on 07/28/2025 to the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting."***

**INTRODUCTION**

Good afternoon. My name is Rodney LaBruce. I'm a lifelong resident of Congressional District 30, a husband, a father, a pastor for over 15 years, and a proud candidate for the United States House of Representatives.

I love my country. I love my state. And I love my district.

I've dedicated my life to faith, family, and service.

And I'm not here today just to talk about politics—I'm here to talk about principle.

Because while fairness is important, I know that word often gets lost in translation.

So instead, I want to talk about something we all understand: **fear**.

The fear of unintended consequences.

The fear of waking up one day and realizing we made a mistake we can't undo.

Those are the fears we should be thinking about before moving forward with this redistricting plan.

**1. Fear Losing Control of Your Own Districts**

You're not just drawing lines around *our* neighborhoods—you're redrawing the lines around **yours**.

In the effort to gain ground in Democratic areas, you're weakening your own Republican base.

That means, for *you*... tighter races, riskier primaries, and ultimately less room for error.

You may survive this for now—but you'll be walking a much thinner line.

And if the political winds shift even just a little, your own seat could be the one that flips.

**2. Fear the Voter Backlash**

Let me be clear: people are paying attention.

Voters who've never volunteered are knocking on doors.

Folks who've never donated to a campaign are giving what they can.

Young people who've never voted are registering in record numbers.

This isn't just about maps. It's about voices.

And when people feel silenced, they don't stay home—they get to work.

### **3. Fear Being on the Wrong Side of Demographics**

Texas is changing. It's getting younger, more diverse, more urban.

You can try to hold that back with lines on a map—but tides don't care about lines. They rise anyway.

You might win this cycle. Maybe even the next.

But in the process, you're fueling the very backlash that will make your party irrelevant in the years ahead.

### **5. Fear the Legacy You're Leaving**

One day, every one of you will be out of office.

And when that day comes, no one will remember the numbers on a map. They'll remember whether you stood for democracy—or tried to carve it up.

Right now, the courts are watching. The country is watching. And your constituents—all of them—are watching.

### **CLOSING**

I'm not here asking for charity. I'm asking for courage.

Courage to resist the pull of short-term advantage.

Courage to think beyond your next election.

Courage to lead with vision, not fear.

Because if you don't fear the consequences of overreach now—you just might feel them later when it's too late.

Thank you for your time.