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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am here to testify to my opposition to SB 4, and not just to the specific bill but to all discussion of redistricting by this body during this session. The very fact that we are here talking about redistricting in between the US Census years is appalling enough. But now this body is considering a map created in whole cloth by the White House, and for the only purpose of trying to maintain control of the US Congress for the Republican party. This very act is unconstitutional - it robs Texans of their right to fair representation in our nation. Thousands of Texans have showed up at hearings across the state in the past few weeks to make their voices heard, and we are not in support of this action, this power grab. It seems that only 4 persons in the entire state testified in favor of the very idea of redistricting - even before these terrible maps. Republicans are not 80% of Texans, they are barely 50% of Texans - you fail to prevail on your ideas. You cannot and should not rob us of our voices - your one duty is to represent us, to take care of Texans, and do right by our state - and redistricting instead of serving the people is a dereliction of your duty, your oath. Your first priority now should be trying to help with flooding issues and emergency systems- lives were lost and yet all the Texas Legislature is concerned with is wielding and stealing power for Republicans. The proposed map is undeniably gerrymandered, racist, and deeply corrupt. You cannot take our voice from us - we will object. You cannot consider this bill while there are other needs for Texas. Do your job, and table SB 4.

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