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Message:

I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to the proposed redistricting plan currently under review. This effort is not about fair representation—it is a calculated, mid-decade power grab that undermines the democratic principles Texans hold dear.

As Christy Stockman of Corpus Christi put it: "It's a good old-fashioned bait-and-switch, with a power grab added in." The Legislature's attempt to redraw maps outside the normal census cycle—without transparency, urgency, or public demand—is deeply troubling.

This proposal threatens to fracture historically unified districts, dilute the voting power of Black and Latino communities, and silence the voices of those who have fought for decades to be heard. Gabriel Rosales of LULAC testified: "It's very demoralizing that we can do as much as we can to contribute ... but we don't have representation." That sentiment echoes across our state.

Redistricting should be a data-driven process rooted in equity—not a partisan maneuver to entrench power. As Rep. Jon Rosenthal stated: "The effort to change these districts at this time has nothing to do with representing people better. It's the opposite of that."

I urge the committee to reject this proposal and recommit to a process that reflects the true diversity and needs of Texas. Our communities deserve representation—not manipulation.

Sincerely, Sherrie Raynes Manvel, Texas