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Regarding: Congressional

Message:
Against SB 4 Redistricting

Texans are suffering and our legislators are wasting precious time serving at the pleasure of the president rather than the Texans who elected them. Please see attached testimony including a few pictures.

Good morning, Chair and Members,
I'm Stephanie Morris: fourth-generation Texan, nurse, and beekeeper.
I live in Leander, where the South San Gabriel flows across our land.
On July 5th, our home and beeyard flooded as the river rose 35 feet with filthy water and debris.
We've lost so much — but we are lucky.
Texans are suffering — from floods and the policy failures that made them worse.
We need your help — not partisan map games.
Short-sighted development changed our lives and land long before this flood.
We live downstream from the “best, most beautiful” pollutant discharge in the state. Millions of gallons per day of poorly treated wastewater turn a pristine stream into year-round stinky, rotting, algae-covered quick-sand.
It pollutes our land and degrades the river.
They take our water and replace it with wastewater, flash floods and fire.
Those who profit rape and pillage, then move on to the next paradise to destroy.
At our expense.
Unscrupulous individuals are exploiting freedoms meant for Texans who know freedom comes with responsibility.
They profit off of reshaping the land — raising grade, filling creek beds, and paving native ground.
Water does what water does when people get up in her business.
Now even small rains flood faster and angrier.
Between storms, our wells, springs, and creeks dry up.
It's not developers or cities with deep new wells going dry.
It's ours.
And it's not those sending their waste downstream who live with the consequences.
We do.
Our rivers. Our land. Our health.
Land use isn't just about property.
and

Lives are lost after floods — not just during them.
The stress is crushing. People get sick. People die.

Our lives, livestock, livelihoods, and Texan way of life are in your hands.
You may think redistricting isn't about floods, land use, or water — but it is.
Drawing lines decides who has a voice — and who gets left behind.

Please — do better for Texans.
Not for the Developer-in-Chief.
Thank you. God bless you — and God bless Texas.
(Two example Photos are attached to my written testimony)

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IMG_9954.JPG 8/16/2020 @ 1534 - View of the polluted South San Gabriel River of wastewater from the
riverbank cliff behind our
home.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Ryder Morris
Birds N Bees Farm
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