

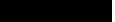


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Message:

My name is Terris Goodwin, and I'm a nurse, mother, and longtime resident of Bell County. I am here today to express my deep concern and strong opposition to this mid-census redistricting effort.

Last month, President Donald Trump called on Texas Republicans to redraw the maps mid-decade to, in his words, gain five more Republican seats in Congress. Shortly after, following a conversation with Trump, Governor Abbott added redistricting to the special session agenda. Let's not pretend this is a coincidence. Redistricting should occur once every ten years, based on census data and guided by transparency and public input. This rushed process defies that standard. Texans have not even had a fair chance to review the proposed maps or provide meaningful public comment. That alone should disqualify this entire effort. This is not about fairness, data, or representation. It's about political manipulation and we know it.

At its core, our government is supposed to reflect and represent the diverse needs of our communities and our state as a whole, not just one party, one race, or one mindset. But that's not what's happening here. Texas is a majority-minority state—people of color make up over 60% of the population, yet we hold only about 35% of congressional representation. Redrawing maps now, targeting the districts in the proposal will only deepen that imbalance, further silencing the voices of Texans of color. And all of this is happening while Texans are still recovering from the catastrophic July 4 floods. Communities need flood relief, infrastructure, and real leadership, not another round of gerrymandering to protect political power. This is a betrayal of democracy and an intentional dilution of the votes of Texans. I have to believe that you all know this. Don't let Trump bully the leaders of our great state

into rigging the map. Let the people see the maps. Let them be heard. Reject this mid-census redistricting.

