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To the Senate Committee Chair – special recognition to my Senator, Royce West, and all committee members. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.

I come to you today in my capacity as the Chair of the Southwest Dallas County Democrats Club, which is a club consisting of Democrats who reside in the southwest suburbs of Dallas County, including Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster, and northern parts of Ellis County. We have existed for several years and have been active participants with other Democrat clubs in the DFW area. We are very proud of the fact that we have local, regional, and statewide elected officials who represent our interests. That wouldn't have been possible but for the way that our districts are drawn, which do not need messing with.

I am here today to express our vehement and substantial disappointment in the state legislature to proceed with redistricting which is not even necessary in this mid-decade era. It is nothing but an attempt to dilute minorities' voting power and to make a power grab all at the behest of a power-hungry administration. We believe that the majority of Texans across this state, regardless of political affiliation, do not want this move, as it will do nothing but further alienate citizens across the state, and we absolutely do not need this.

Instead of wasting your time with an issue that you don't need to deal with, you should be more interested in fixing those issues that critically need your time such as dealing with fixing the lack of warning systems and alarms that contributed to the tragic recent Central Texas flooding that should not have happened to the extent that it did. You need to deal with why

Texas ranks so low or at the bottom of the totem pole in terms of education, health disparities, food insecurity, and affordable housing, and the list goes on. These are critical quality of life issues, Senators, and if you care about your constituents, these are the issues that you should be dealing with.

Instead, you choose to come up with more ways to dilute the voting power of the minority community to grab more power and to gerrymander the districts that lean toward Democrats. At what expense, I ask you? Texas already has a long history of racism and trampling over the rights of black and brown communities. I'm sure I don't need to go into the history of lynchings of black citizens and senseless killing of Hispanic youth. You seek to go backwards rather than forward. You should be considering ways of how we can all work

together for the good of everyone instead of the good of only a few, Senators.

You are not fooling us – for we know that this is nothing but another ploy to disenfranchise minority votes which you have already been doing with all the laws you have passed for the past several years. It's also a ploy to justify attacks on voter access and to undermine trust in our elections. Stop the games, and do what's right, Senators.

We didn't stand for it before, and we won't stand for it now. Again, stop the games and let's move forward with dealing with issues that really affect the people.

Thank you for your consideration.