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Message:

I am writing to strongly oppose any efforts to pursue mid-decade redistricting in Texas. Redrawing legislative or congressional maps outside of the regular ten-year census cycle undermines the principles of stability, transparency, and fairness that our democratic system depends on. Additionally, such action threatens the foundational principle of racial equity in representation and risks further disenfranchising communities of color through tactics like packing and cracking strategies that manipulate district lines to dilute the voting power of minority populations.

The redistricting process is already highly susceptible to abuse. By redrawing maps outside the normal ten-year census cycle, the state opens the door to partisan and racial gerrymandering specifically, the intentional division or over-concentration of Black, Latino, and other communities of color to weaken their political influence. These practices directly undermine the protections guaranteed under the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and run counter to the ideals of protecting fair and equal representation for all.

Mid-decade redistricting is not only unnecessary, it invites partisan manipulation and erodes public trust in our elections. The decennial redistricting process already gives lawmakers ample opportunity to adjust maps based on updated population data. Deviating from that schedule for political purposes sends a troubling message to voters: that representation is being treated as a political tool rather than a constitutional responsibility.

Packing minority voters into a small number of districts limits their voice to a few seats, while cracking spreads them thinly across districts to ensure they cannot influence elections at all. Both tactics have been used in past Texas maps and are currently in litigation.

Initiating a mid-decade redraw raises justified concerns that these injustices will be repeated or worsened. These redistricting efforts often lack adequate public input and can result in maps that serve the interests of those in power rather than we, the people of Texas. Texans deserve fair maps that reflect our diverse population not constant changes designed to entrench political advantage. We deserve a redistricting process that respects community integrity, demographic reality, and constitutional fairness not one driven by short-term political gain. Mid-decade redistricting only heightens the risk of discriminatory outcomes and undermines trust in our democratic institutions.

I urge you to reject any proposals for redrawing maps before the next census and instead work to uphold a redistricting process that is equitable, transparent, and accountable to all Texans.

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