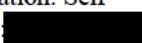

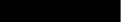
  

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed congressional redistricting plan currently under consideration in Texas. This plan is not only a blatant affront to democratic principles, but it also undermines the rights of voters, particularly communities of color, independent voters, and those who believe in a Texas that charts its course, not one dictated by national political figures.

At the heart of this redistricting proposal lies a disturbing pattern: the dilution of minority voting power. Texas has experienced explosive population growth over the past decade, with over 95% of that growth coming from communities of color, particularly Latino, Black, and Asian American residents. Yet, the proposed maps do not reflect this demographic reality. Instead, they actively diminish the influence of these communities by cracking and packing minority voters into districts that either dilute their voice or render their votes meaningless.

This is not just a statistical oversight—it is a calculated move that violates the spirit, if not the letter, of the Voting Rights Act. By manipulating district boundaries to favor one party while marginalizing racial minorities, the plan perpetuates systemic disenfranchisement. It sends a clear message: that the voices of Texans of color are expendable in the pursuit of partisan power.

Redistricting is meant to ensure fair representation. Instead, this proposal weaponizes it. It is part of a broader trend in Texas politics that seeks to suppress voter turnout and restrict access to the ballot box. From stringent voter ID laws to reduced polling locations in minority communities, the state has already made it harder for many Texans to vote. This redistricting plan compounds that injustice by ensuring that even when marginalized communities do vote, their impact is minimized.

This is not democracy—it is gerrymandering at its most cynical. It undermines the foundational principle that every vote should carry equal weight. It turns elections into predetermined outcomes, robbing citizens of the power to choose their leaders and hold them accountable.

Texas is not a monolith. While partisan loyalties may dominate headlines, a growing number of Texans identify as independents or moderates. These voters deserve representation as well. Yet the proposed maps are drawn with surgical precision to entrench partisan advantage, leaving little room for competitive districts or candidates who appeal across the political spectrum.

This lack of competition breeds extremism and polarization. It discourages coalition-building and compromise. It ensures that elected officials cater only to their base, ignoring the broader electorate. In a state as diverse and dynamic as Texas, this is a recipe for stagnation and division.

Perhaps most alarming is the timing of this redistricting effort. Redistricting traditionally occurs once every ten years, following the census. The current push—mid-decade and without a new census—is virtually unheard of. It raises serious questions about the motivations behind the plan. Why now? Why the rush?

The answer seems clear: to preempt demographic shifts and lock in political power before the electorate can respond. This is a power grab, plain and simple. It circumvents the normal democratic process and sets a dangerous precedent for future manipulation.

Texas has long prided itself on its independence. From its history as a republic to its fierce defense of state sovereignty, Texans have always believed in charting their course. But this redistricting plan suggests a troubling shift: a willingness to bend to the will of national political figures, particularly President Trump.

The fingerprints of Trumpism are all over this proposal—from its disregard for minority rights to its embrace of authoritarian tactics. By aligning itself with this agenda, Texas risks losing its identity. It becomes just another pawn in a national political game, rather than a state that leads with integrity and vision.

This is not the Texas I know. The Texas I believe in is bold, diverse, and fiercely independent. It does not silence its citizens—it empowers them. It does not rig the rules—it plays fair. Texas does not follow blindly—it leads!

I urge lawmakers, community leaders, and everyday Texans to reject this redistricting proposal. It is unjust, undemocratic, and un-Texan. We must demand maps that reflect our true diversity, protect voting rights, and foster genuine representation. We must stand up for the principles that make Texas great, not sacrifice them for short-term political gain.

The future of our democracy depends on it.

