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Message:

Dear Members of the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting,

I stand before you to register unwavering opposition to the current drive for mid-decade redistricting in Texas, an effort that represents nothing less than a cynical and undemocratic power grab.

It defies established democratic norms. Redistricting is traditionally conducted once every ten years, following the decennial census. This mid-term maneuver has no legitimate basis and is nothing more than an opportunistic assault on fair representation.

It constitutes partisan gerrymandering, not fair map-drawing. Fueled by political motivations, this plan aims to secure five additional GOP-leaning congressional seats, manipulating districts to dilute the voting power of minority and Democratic communities.

It marginalizes communities of color already central to Texas's growth. Despite minority Texans accounting for 95% of demographic increases, the state is now proposing maps that risk sidelining their voices—refusing to forge truly equitable representation.

It betrays voters and distracts from urgent needs. At a time when Central Texas grapples with devastating flood recovery, the state's priorities are profoundly misplaced. Instead of delivering aid, the administration is pursuing partisan maps at the expense of vulnerable communities still waiting for relief.

It triggers a dangerous national escalation. Democratic lawmakers have fled the state in protest, prompting calls from other states to retaliate. What is unfolding is not just a Texas issue: it may become a national cycle of retaliatory redistricting, further undermining stability and integrity in elections.

It risks legal and constitutional backlash. The plan dismantles coalition districts previously flagged by the DOJ as unconstitutional. By allegedly prioritizing partisan advantage over compliance with the Voting Rights Act, this proposal invites inevitable

legal challenge.

In sum, this mid-decade redistricting effort is a brazen attack on democratic fairness, undermining both the principle and practice of equitable representation. I urge this committee to firmly reject such gamesmanship and instead uphold a process rooted in transparency, equality, and respect for Texas's diverse electorate.

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