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Regarding: Congressional

Message:
My name is Vivian Lee, and I live in Travis County, with strong ties to neighboring Williamson County. I'm writing to express my deep opposition to the current redistricting plan because I believe it violates the spirit of our democratic process.

As a Texan, I believe in representative democracy. That means our elected officials should reflect the people—not protect partisan power. But this proposed map tells a different story. It merges districts like TX-35 and TX-37—two distinct, diverse communities with their own needs—into one, essentially forcing two Democratic incumbents into a single seat. It doesn't expand representation. It erases it.

Texas has a long, documented history of racial and partisan gerrymandering. In 2011, a federal court concluded that Texas lawmakers drew maps with intentional discrimination against Latino and Black voters. At the federal level, the Supreme Court made clear in Shaw v. Reno (1993) that racial gerrymandering—even when disguised as political strategy—is unconstitutional when race is the predominant factor. This redistricting plan not only ignores these precedents—it intentionally splits and dilutes communities of interest, and continues the legacy of silencing rapidly growing and diversifying communities like those in Central Texas.

This should not be a partisan issue. Whether Republican or Democrat, we should all agree: elected officials should NOT get to choose their voters. It must be the other way around.

I urge you to reject this map. Central Texans deserve representation that reflects our growth, our diversity, and our needs—not a map designed behind closed doors to preserve power. We need a fair and equitable process—one that reflects the real Texas, respects communities of interest, and ensures that every voter has a voice.

We are paying attention. And we will hold our elected officials accountable.

Sincerely,
Vivian Lee