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Message:

I was born and raised in Texas. And growing up, one of my favorite subjects was Texas History. I loved spouting off little facts like, “Did you know the word Texas comes from an Indigenous word that means ‘friend’?”

Young me believed that name stuck for a reason. I believed that Texans do good by one another and stood up for what’s right — even when it was hard. That’s the Texas I believe in. But it’s not the Texas I see before me today.

Since March 5th, when Congressman Sylvester Turner passed away, the nearly 800,000 people of TX-18 — myself included — have been without a voice, without a friend in Congress. Governor Abbott could have called a special election much sooner. He didn’t. And now, we have no one to speak for us on critical legislation or advocate for us during hurricane season. That isn’t just a delay — it’s a denial. And it’s not very friendly.

Now, you’re being asked to redraw our congressional maps mid-decade, behind closed doors, while litigation is still ongoing. That’s not leadership. That’s not Texas.

Texans deserve a process that honors us. That means making proposed maps and amendments public at least five days in advance, lifting the five-hour limit on public testimony, providing full transparency — no legislative privilege, no backroom deals — and conducting an honest analysis of how maps affect communities of color, who make up 60% of our state.

We should be drawing more districts that empower communities of color — not fewer.

Let this be the moment Texas lives up to its name. Turn toward treating fellow Texans as friends, not political enemies. Toward a government where every Texan counts, every voice is heard, and every district reflects the people who live in it.

Thank you for your time — and for choosing to be a friend to Texas and a defender of democracy. Please do not redistrict.

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