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Message:

My name is Angela Ferrelli and I am a constituent from Dallas, part of the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

I would like to start by pointing out that there is no court order to take up redistricting in a special session mid-decade and there was no law passed in the regular session that redistricting be addressed in a special session mid decade. So I'm not sure why is this a priority when this special session should be focused on helping communities in Kerr County to rebuild from the devastating flooding that occurred earlier this month and how to prevent tragedies like that from occurring again. As a taxpayer in Texas I do not approve of my tax dollars being spent on this redistricting effort.

I imagine that all Republicans on this committee would agree

that when they voted on the 2021 maps they thought the district lines were fair and legal. If that is the case why do they need to be redrawn now? Why not wait till after the next census to re-evaluate? If you did not think the 2021 map was legal how did it pass? It is true that the 2021 map is currently in court, but not because Republicans think it is unjust, but rather the plaintiffs allege the 2021 map violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution. (League of United Latin American Citizens: LULAC v Abbott) Also some of people who passed our current map have testified in court that the 2021 map was drawn race blind. How is it now that the DOJ is saying this is not true, that the need to redistricting is because districts show racial bias. You can't have it both ways. This matter should be dropped and not revisited until after the next Census.

Districts are drawn after the census to make sure that there is fair and equal representation for the population living within the state, and considering the current map is part of a court case, it would seem prudent to hold off on redistricting until at least this court case has been settled. This mid decade redistricting effort is completely uncalled for and is a power grab by the Republicans of Texas at the behest of Trump.

Trump has publicly told Texas to get him five more seats because he knows his Big Ugly

Bill and his immigration policies are so wildly unpopular with the American people that he fears losing his hold on Congress after the mid term elections in 2026. Texans deserve to have the ability to elect representatives that will stand up for their well being and their rights; not representatives that will bend their knee to Trump. Texans needs an independent redistricting commission to offer maps that reflect the true diversity and needs of our communities.

