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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am a grandmother of four living in San Marcos, and I am a constituent of U.S. District 21 represented by Chip Roy. As a Texan, I wish that this legislature were working on issues that affect quality of life for Texas citizens, including early warning systems and support for victims of natural disasters; affordable housing; help for victims of gun violence at the hands of unstable individuals who did not receive adequate mental health care; support for low-income students; and a myriad of other problems. Instead, I am writing to testify against this unwarranted and unfair attempt to redraw our congressional districts in the middle of the decade.

In San Marcos, members of groups I participate in like the San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance, the San Marcos River Foundation, and the Hays County Master Naturalists support each other when natural disasters strike. I should share a representative with other members of those groups, not with some small town in Gillespie or Real counties.

Texas has a long history of discriminating against communities of color when drawing new maps. For example, marginalized communities of color east of the IH35 corridor from Austin to San Antonio have seen their voting power cracked for decades. I am extremely concerned that the same thing will happen again this time.

This legislature should:

- draw more representative opportunity districts for communities of color instead of working to destabilize their voting power.
- invest weeks or months of time holding hearings around the state instead of squeezing hearings into only five days in a limited number of cities, which does not allow enough time for or access to public scrutiny.
- wait until the court rules on the 2021 maps before redrawing them again.

As a member of the San Marcos community, I demand that this committee be fair and transparent. We deserve competitive, representative districts. Thank you.

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