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Regarding: Congressional

## Message:

Honorable members of the Texas Congress,

I urge you to reject any efforts to redraw our congressional maps outside of the regular, constitutionally mandated redistricting cycle. Redistricting now would raise serious concerns about gerrymandering, which undermines the very foundation of our democratic process. Gerrymandering distorts representation, entrenches incumbents, and erodes public trust by making elections less competitive and less reflective of the voters' will.

However, this is not to say that our current maps are without fault. Major cities in Texas—including Houston, Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio—are severely gerrymandered, with communities deliberately split or diluted to weaken their political power. These practices disproportionately affect communities of color and urban voters, leading to under-representation and growing disillusionment with our political system.

These issues must be addressed, but they must be addressed properly—through a transparent, nonpartisan process during the next regular redistricting cycle, using updated census data and community input. Premature or politically motivated redrawing of maps now would only deepen public cynicism and further entrench unfairness.

Let us commit to a redistricting process that reflects the people of Texas—not partisan interests. Only by prioritizing fairness and integrity can we restore faith in our democracy.