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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Ben Wilbanks. I'm a constituent of Texas Congressional District 16 and a precinct chair in El Paso. I'm submitting my strong opposition to this blatant attempt to racially gerrymander our Congressional map.

This committee has no business redrawing district lines right now, especially not while Texans in Central Texas are facing historic flooding and desperately need legislative attention. There is no legitimate urgency to this redistricting effort, and the timing is indefensible.

Let's be clear: any map that breaks apart Black and Hispanic communities is not just unethical, it's illegal. The current Congressional map is already being challenged in court, and pushing through another discriminatory map will only invite more lawsuits, wasting taxpayer dollars and further undermining trust in our institutions.

If redistricting is truly necessary, then it should be done by an independent, nonpartisan commission, not politicians drawing lines to protect their power. The people of Texas deserve fair maps that reflect the racial and geographic diversity of our state.

It is outrageous that this committee is moving forward without even presenting a proposed map for the public to review. Texans have the right to see what's being planned and to make their voices heard. Once a draft map is released, this committee must hold an additional public comment period, anything less is a deliberate effort to silence the communities most impacted by these changes.

Texans are watching, and we will not stay silent while our representation is carved up behind closed doors.

Thank you for your consideration.

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