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Message:

Chairman King and other committee members,

I read your remarks before the beginning of today's hearing. I did hear some derogatory remarks directed toward President Trump and Republicans in general yesterday. I agree with you that we should conduct ourselves and speak with decorum. It is unfortunate that we do have a president in office who is not being respectful to the office and is the source of much division and chaos at the moment. He does speak disrespectfully to any with whom he has a disagreement. He discredits, and belittles people on a regular basis in his speech and in his comments on his "Truth Social". He has normalized this behavior and has emboldened others to do likewise. When we respond in similar ways we are bringing ourselves down to his level. We get nowhere when we speak to one another in such a manner.

Do you also hear the pain and frustration in their comments? We are seeing and experiencing the rise of a dictatorship that many, perhaps even those who voted for Mr Trump, had no idea would occur and happen in a head spinning speed. He has crossed so many red lines in carrying out the plan of Project 2025. He has disregarded the checks and balances of our democracy when he continually writes his Executive Orders and overrides the Laws and budget appropriations already in place. Yet this Supreme Court is giving him Carte Blanche, because he is doing this in the exercise of his office, so he cannot be convicted of any illegal activity, while he is in office. It is difficult to respect him and Republicans when you follow everything he requests you to do because you are "carrying out the will of the president." Now he has publicly stated that he wants "5 more Republic representative seats from Texas". Of course this is so that he can protect the Republican majority. He desperately wants to continue to follow the Project 2025 plan unhindered. It is very rare for this to be done mid census. This is an expensive endeavor. This is taking precious time, resources and money to accomplish. Can you really justify this action when you look at the needs in our state? It has been stated by many that the maps drawn and approved in 2021 were free of any racial gerrymandering and then to justify redrawing the maps claiming the 4 majority-minority districts were racially gerrymandered. It is also difficult to even speak specifically about our concerns, since we do not have any proposed maps to consider. This should have been done before any hearings.

I listened to many of the testimonies yesterday. I do not think there were any constituents who advocated for going ahead with redistricting. If you listen to the people, whom you are elected to represent, then this committee would not even

recommend for this power grab to move out of the committee.

I would also like each committee member to consider your own allegiance. You serve the state of Texas, and it's residents. We are your priority, not Donald Trump !! He is blatantly ordering you to do something illegal. Each of you have the power in your hands to stand up with courage and conviction to say NO to this power grab and turn your attention to where it needs to be focused, on helping rebuild the communities devastated by the July 4 floods, preparing for this year's hurricane season, ensuring that every student has access to a quality education regardless of income or ethnicity. These are things we can all agree upon. Let's roll our sleeves up and get to work.

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