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Message:

Thank you, committee members, for reading my testimony. My name is Courtney Maurstad and I've been a resident of Texas for a combined nineteen years in Montgomery, Polk, and now Harris County, CD 2. I was born neither a Houstonian nor a Texan, but I have chosen to make my life in this great city and state. I care deeply for all the people in this state, my family, my neighbors, and the many Texans that I have yet to meet. I would love to see the Texas legislature, my legislature, use this special session to resolve issues that could benefit all those many Texans I care about. Ongoing issues like healthcare access, food insecurity, and education. Issues held over from the regular session like THC regulation and protections for victims of human trafficking. And issues that have arisen from the tragedy of the Kerr County flooding. But it is a disgrace to use this special session to force a mid-decade redistricting. A rushed redistricting that was never intended to happen this year, without the public having input on the proposed map, and while the 2021 map is still in the courts. Texas does not allow for citizen-initiated ballot measures, the only voice we have in our governance is our vote and hearings like this one. But by hiding any kind of proposed map, all Texans have been denied the ability to be heard. It is cowardly and conniving and distinctly un-Texan. By limiting these hearings to a few major cities, rural Texans have been denied the ability to be heard. Un-Texan. And if the committee were to pass a sudden redistricting only at the insistence of the President, all Texans would be denied the right to determine their representatives within this great state. It would show the federal government that the Texas Legislature and the Texas Executive answer to the President rather than to Texans. Tremendously un-Texan. I ask the committee to cease consideration of any costly redistricting unless it can be done fairly and independently by Texans and for Texans. Thank you for your time.

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