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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Dear Members of the Committee,

As a Texas resident and active voter in Tarrant County, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed redistricting maps. These maps not only threaten to weaken fair representation for Texas voters especially minority voters but also represent a dangerous intrusion of partisan and presidential influence into a process meant to serve the people, not political power.

The redistricting process in Texas is designed to uphold the Constitution, ensure equal representation, and reflect the will of our growing and diverse population. It is not meant to be used as a tool by any president or political figure to secure partisan advantage. The current effort, reportedly encouraged and publicly supported by a former president, risks undermining the independence of state government and echoes the hallmarks of authoritarian rule, where democratic institutions are bent to serve the interests of one leader or party[1].

Texas has a proud history of fighting for liberty and self-governance. Allowing the office of the president to influence mid-cycle redistricting for partisan gain would erode that legacy and set a dangerous precedent. Our state must resist any attempt to turn redistricting into a vehicle for national-level power consolidation, especially when such actions carry the potential to disenfranchise communities of color that have driven 95% of Texas's population growth over the past decade[2].

The proposed maps appear to intentionally “pack” or “crack” Latino and Black voters who now make up over 40% and 13% of the state population, respectively diluting their ability to elect candidates of choice. This threatens to violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the constitutional guarantee of equal protection[3]. Recent lawsuits in Tarrant County, where officials dismantled a majority-minority precinct impacting roughly 150,000 minority voters, highlight exactly how such practices can harm communities and democracy itself[4].

I urge the Committee to:

1. Reject any map influenced by presidential or partisan pressure, reaffirming that redistricting in Texas belongs to Texans, not Washington.
2. Withdraw the current proposed maps and ensure no plan dilutes minority voting power.
3. Conduct a transparent, community-driven process that reflects the actual demographic shifts and protects the voices of all Texans.
4. Defend Texas’s democratic institutions against authoritarian overreach and uphold the Voting Rights Act.

Texans deserve maps drawn for the people, not for presidents or parties. Anything less risks the integrity of our elections and the democratic foundation of our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Dominique Brown
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Endnotes

[1]: Washington Post, “Texas plan to redraw maps could protect GOP House majority,” July 25, 2025; Reuters, “Despite risks, Texas Republicans launch Trump-backed effort to redraw congressional lines,” July 22, 2025.

[2]: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Data – Texas Demographic Profile; Texas Tribune, “Texas gained nearly 4 million residents last decade. People of color made up 95% of that growth,” Aug. 12, 2021.

[3]: 52 U.S.C. §10301 (Section 2, Voting Rights Act of 1965); Bush v. Vera, 517 U.S. 952 (1996); Abbott v. Perez, 138 S.Ct. 2305 (2018).

[4]: Axios Dallas, “Tarrant County sued over new precinct boundaries,” June 5, 2025.

