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Message:

Dear Members of the Texas Senate Special Committee on Redistricting,

I am writing today as a deeply concerned Texan to express strong opposition to the proposal to redraw congressional maps during this special session—five years before the next constitutionally guided redistricting process.

There is no demographic, legal, or court-mandated reason for redrawing the maps at this time. The current maps, drawn in 2021, are still in use and remain the subject of ongoing litigation. There has been no new census data. No population emergency. No judicial order. The only clear motivation for this mid-decade redistricting appears to be political—an attempt to manipulate the outcome of the 2026 midterms. That is not responsible governance. It is partisan overreach.

Even more troubling is the timing. Texans are still mourning and rebuilding from the catastrophic flooding that struck Central Texas on July 4. This disaster claimed over 130 lives and left countless families displaced or devastated. Instead of prioritizing flood recovery, infrastructure repair, and emergency preparedness, this committee has moved quickly to advance redistricting maps that favor incumbents and consolidate partisan power.

This is a misplaced use of legislative power and an insult to the Texans who expect your leadership in times of crisis. If you want to serve this state with integrity, focus this session on what matters—

restoring our communities, investing in infrastructure, and protecting Texans from future disasters.

I urge the committee to reject this mid-cycle redistricting effort and redirect your focus toward the urgent, unmet needs of the people of Texas.

Sincerely, Elissa Lindquist-Sher