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Message:

Dear Members of the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting,

My name is Emmanuel Kiprop, and I reside in El Paso County, Texas. I am writing to express my strong support for a redistricting process characterized by fairness, transparency, and a commitment to equitable representation for every Texan.

My primary concern lies with the potential for partisan manipulation during the redrawing of our congressional districts. The significant population shifts revealed by the 2020 Census data necessitate careful map drawing. I urge this committee to place the highest priority on fundamental principles: creating districts that are **compact, contiguous, and respect established communities of interest**. The current Plan C2193, and any future proposals, must avoid unnecessarily dividing neighborhoods or diluting the electoral influence of minority communities. Such practices contradict core democratic values and undermine the protections guaranteed by the Voting Rights Act.

To enhance the integrity and inclusivity of this critical process, I offer two recommendations:

- 1. **Expand Public Access:** Recent public hearings have experienced severe overcrowding, effectively limiting constituent participation. I strongly recommend increasing opportunities for public input through additional sessions, extended timeframes, and ensuring robust physical and virtual accessibility.
- 2. **Explore Nonpartisan Solutions:** I endorse serious consideration of establishing an independent or nonpartisan redistricting commission, similar to models

proposed in federal legislation. This approach offers a proven method to reduce partisan bias and foster greater public trust in the outcome.

Thank you for reviewing my perspective. I trust the committee will diligently work to adopt final district maps that ensure all Texans are fairly and effectively represented.

Sincerely, Emmanuel Kiprop El Paso County, Texas