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Message:
To the Committee:

My name is Ennissa Wright, and I am a proud Texan who lives, works, and attends school in Waller County, Texas. I'm also a student at Prairie View A&M University. I'm writing to express my strong opposition to Governor Abbott's proposed mid-decade redistricting efforts.

As someone who is deeply rooted in this state and my local community, I believe our political districts should reflect the people who actually live in them. Communities of color now make up almost 60% of Texas, yet only about a third of our congressional representatives reflect that diversity. That's not just unfair — it's part of a long history in Texas of redistricting that silences voters of color. For the past 50 years, every redistricting cycle in Texas has included violations of the Voting Rights Act or other forms of racial discrimination.

The maps passed in 2021 — which are still under federal court review — ignored key racial data and actually reduced the number of majority-minority districts, even though nearly all of Texas's population growth was driven by communities of color. Now, these new mid-decade changes are threatening to dismantle important coalition districts like CD 9, CD 18, CD 29, CD 30, and CD 33 — districts that have allowed Black, Latino, and Asian American voters to elect candidates who truly represent them.

Meanwhile, Texans continue to struggle. We have

the highest rate of uninsured residents in the country. And with legislation being passed that risks removing even more people from Medicaid, it's clearer than ever that many of our communities — especially in Houston and the DFW area — are not being properly represented. If these communities had fair and accurate representation, harmful bills like this might not pass. But instead, we're seeing our communities of color being packed and cracked, diluting our voices and our power in Congress.

I respectfully urge this committee to:

1. Reject any mid-decade redistricting efforts and wait until the 2030 Census before redrawing maps.
2. Protect the existing coalition districts that reflect the real racial and cultural diversity of our state.
3. Ensure transparency and public input in the redistricting process. If new maps are introduced, Texans should have the right to review and testify before any decisions are made.

Fair maps are essential to a fair democracy. As a student, a resident, and a future leader in Texas, I believe we deserve representation that puts people first — not politics.

Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony.

– Ennissa Wright

Proud resident of Waller County, Texas

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