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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

To the Honorable Members of
the Texas Legislature,

As a proud Navy veteran and
someone who grew up in
Congressional District 32
(CD 32), I am writing to
express my strong opposition
to the proposed mid-census
redistricting, particularly
as it pertains to our
district. This move is an
unjustified and harmful
attempt to manipulate our
electoral maps for political
gain, at the expense of our
communities.

CD 32 is a growing and
diverse district, with a
population of 764,396 people
as of 2023, representing a
0.725% increase from the
previous year. Our district
is composed of a rich
tapestry of ethnic groups,
including White (Non-
Hispanic) at 31.6%, Black or
African American (Non-
Hispanic) at 20.6%, and
significant Hispanic
populations accounting for a
combined 34.36% (Two Races
Including Other (Hispanic)
14.3%, White (Hispanic)
11.4%, and Other (Hispanic)

8.66%). Furthermore, 42.2% of households in CD 32 speak a non-English language at home, highlighting our vibrant multiculturalism.

The state's history of discriminatory redistricting is well-documented, having violated the Voting Rights Act or intentionally discriminated against voters of color in every decade for the past 50 years. Texas's population growth has been fueled by communities of color, yet the state has failed to create congressional maps that reflect this growth.

Instead, there has been a reduction in majority-minority districts and an increase in majority-Anglo districts. This proposed redistricting is nothing more than a continuation of this pattern of racial discrimination.

The current congressional maps are still under review by a federal court, and it is inappropriate for the Legislature to engage in mid-decade redistricting before a ruling has been made. This action risks further disenfranchising communities of color and creating more litigation, wasting valuable taxpayer time and money.

We need districts that reflect the diversity of our state and allow all voices to be heard, not just special interests or political factions. I urge you to reject this unnecessary and harmful redistricting proposal for CD 32 and prioritize fair representation for all Texans.

