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Testimony to TX Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting - East Texas/Harris County Regional Hearing

Members of the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting, I submit these comments regarding TX-CD18 and the sacred duty of fair representation in East Texas and Harris County.

Texas Senate Rule 3.04 mandates that redistricting considers "compactness, contiguity, and communities of interest." House Rule 13, Section 2 requires preservation of political subdivisions. Yet this 2025 mid-cycle process outside constitutional census timing threatens to shatter both.

TX-CD18 embodies what Shaw v. Reno protected: a majority-minority district where historically disenfranchised communities FINALLY have an electoral voice! Harris County's diverse neighborhoods Third Ward, Fifth Ward, Sunnyside aren't just geographic areas, they're interwoven communities sharing economic interests, cultural bonds, and political needs. Texas Government Code 307.006 demands consideration of socioeconomic factors. These communities share transportation networks, school districts, economic corridors the very "communities of interest" your own rules protect.

Don't let presidential pressure override Texas law! Article III, Section 28 of our state constitution requires districts to reflect actual population not political manipulation! TX-CD18 residents deserve representatives who understand their struggles, not politicians selected through surgical gerrymandering.

Honor your own rules! Preserve communities of interest! Protect CD18 integrity! The people demand nothing less than constitutional compliance!

God Bless this Great State of Texas & God Bless these United States of America.

Respectfully, Submitted

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