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Message:

I write today with deep concern and moral urgency regarding the Texas Congressional Redistricting, a maneuver that blatantly undermines representative democracy and disproportionately harms Black and Brown communities across the state. This mid-decade redrawing—ordered by Greg Abbott during a special legislative session largely under the influence of Trump—seeks to add up to five new Republican-leaning seats. Despite Democrats capturing close to 42–46 percent of the vote, the new configuration could yield as many as 30 of 38 congressional seats for Republicans, severely diluting minority voting strength. This is an unnecessary injustice that blatantly discriminates against Texans.

This is classic "crack and pack" racial gerrymandering: packing Latino and Black voters into fewer districts and dispersing them into others to mute their influence. It flagrantly violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits vote dilution based on race or language minority status, as the DOJ is currently litigating. It may also run afoul of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, per precedent set in *Shaw v. Hunt*, *Miller v. Johnson*, and *Bush v. Vera*—all of which prohibit racial gerrymandering when race is the predominant factor.

Abbott's insistence on this partisan agenda is especially outrageous coming at the same moment flood-ravaged communities in Hill Country and rural Texas are still awaiting relief. Over 136 lives were lost in recent floods; yet legislators pressed forward with gerrymandering instead of prioritizing emergency response, despite clear authority under Texas Government Code Chapter 317 to act swiftly. Critics have called out Abbott for politicizing disaster relief while kowtowing to Trump—effectively bending the knee and compromising the needs of everyday Texans. As Texans we pride ourselves in being innovators, trend setters, and independent of Washington's political influence. Abbot willingly cast a shadow of shame over our great state while ignoring the real need and suffering of Texans.

This is not just political manipulation—it is a profound injustice. It threatens the democratic principle of one person, one vote, and continues a long history of racial suppression by manipulating access to the ballot. The outrage that has been expressed in courtrooms, public hearings, and international commentary is justified and must lead to legal redress, legislative accountability, and a renewed commitment to fair,

equitable representation for all Texans. It is clear that Abbot is no longer fit to lead our great state.

