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Regarding: Congressional

Message: Senators,

I'm Gwenn Burud, Executive Director of Texans Defending Democracy, a nonpartisan nonprofit providing clear, accessible

information on policies that impact everyday Texans.

We wish to go on record with our opposition to redrawing congressional districts —a blatant power grab that reeks of desperation.

Instead of treating this like a political game, let's treat it like what it really is: a job interview. Representation is a job—and candidates

should have to earn it by presenting real policy, a clear vision, and solutions that serve all Texans. They shouldn't win by default just

because the maps were manipulated to cling to power.

Sneaking in mid-census redistricting tactics is not only unfair, it's undemocratic. Districts are redrawn every ten years after the census

to reflect population changes. Doing it now, without current data is a manipulation of the system that does not represent real people

and real communities. In other words you're rigging the rules in the middle of the game.

Texans need their leaders to focus on real issues—like strengthening public infrastructure, preparing for the next natural disaster and

lowering costs to support working families. Instead, we're watching this legislative majority spend their time dismantling the voting

power of Texans—especially communities of color—through an unnecessary mid-decade redistricting strategy. These political

maneuvers come at the expense of the very priorities Texans sent you here to address.

At the end of the day, you must ask yourselves: Does diluting the voices of your fellow Texans serve the greater good—or just political

survival? The answer is clear, and we believe you already know it.

This sets a dangerous precedent. Democracy belongs to We the People and should never be sacrificed for your own

partisan gain.

Reject this plan, and prove to Texans that you still believe in fair representation