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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I am strongly opposed to the efforts to redistrict Texas' congressional districts midcensus. This attempt by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is very clearly an act of voter suppression and discrimination.

How districts are drawn affects every political issue, from the economy to healthcare to public education. If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect the population, you end up with situations where politicians support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or they won't support policies that the vast majority of people support. When politicians manipulate maps for personal or political gain, it prevents citizens like me from having our voices heard on all of these policies that affect us.

I am asking this Committee to commit to holding a public hearing after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee. You must also give the public a minimum of 5 days notice and capability to review the maps before this hearing. I also want the legislators who draw the maps to explain why they chose to draw them the way they did, and to not hide any communications they have had regarding drawing the maps. This is an opportunity for the Texas Legislature to finally get this process right and avoid wasting millions of taxpayer dollars in years of lawsuits.