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Regarding: Congressional

Message:  
To the Texas Legislature and Redistricting Committee:

My name is Jennifer Garcia, and I live in El Paso, Texas. I am submitting this public comment to express my deep opposition to the current redistricting maps, which I believe are unjust, discriminatory, and a direct threat to the democratic voice of millions of Texans.

In El Paso, a majority Latino city, our community is being carved and divided, weakening our ability to elect leaders who represent our interests and lived experiences. But this is not just an El Paso issue — this redistricting crisis is statewide. I stand in solidarity with other communities across Texas that have been systematically targeted and marginalized through these maps, including:

- Latino communities in the Rio Grande Valley, who have driven Texas' population growth but were denied additional representation.
- Black communities in Dallas, Houston, and East Texas, whose political strength has been diluted by splitting them across multiple districts.
- Asian American communities in Harris and Fort Bend Counties, who continue to be ignored despite rapid growth and strong civic engagement.
- Indigenous populations and rural communities, who face both underrepresentation and neglect in redistricting plans.

These redistricting maps do not reflect the demographic reality of Texas — where over 95% of population growth in the last decade came from communities of color. Instead of expanding fair

representation, the maps appear to entrench partisan power at the expense of voters of color.

I demand that the Legislature:

- Redraw the maps to comply with the Voting Rights Act, respecting and protecting the voting power of minority communities across the state.
- Stop dividing communities of interest, particularly along racial or political lines.
- Create a transparent and participatory process, where all Texans can contribute meaningfully to decisions that affect our representation and our future.

Gerrymandering is not governance. Democracy cannot survive if it is manipulated to silence the people it claims to represent. I urge you to stand on the side of justice, equity, and the Constitution. These maps must be changed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

