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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Jodi Eckberg and I live in Lakeway in the US Congressional District 10. I strongly oppose the attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census and I also wish we'd actually be able to see the maps in question. Regardless, this brazen move by the Governor and the DOJ to increase Republican representation in the U.S. House by taking it away from communities of color is shameful and it is blatant racial discrimination.

Redrawing legislative maps outside the normal census cycle is not only unnecessary—it's deeply harmful to our democratic process. Mid-decade redistricting undermines stability and trust in our elections. It gives those in power the chance to manipulate district lines purely for political gain, rather than to reflect the will of the voters. This kind of gerrymandering silences communities, especially communities of color, by diluting their voting power and weakening fair representation.

Texans want accountability, not more backroom deals...and frankly not more bathroom bills either. Voters should choose their leaders—not the other way around. Instead of spending time and taxpayer dollars on rigging maps and terrorizing women, people of color, immigrants and the LGBTQ community, this Legislature should focus on the real needs of Texans: education, healthcare, equality for everyone and upgrading disaster infrastructure with flood warning systems, emergency communications, natural disaster prep, and relief funding for all impacted areas.

Redistricting should happen once every ten years—fairly, transparently, and based on accurate census data. Anything else threatens the integrity of our democracy and erodes public trust.

I am asking that this Committee commit to holding a public hearing after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee and that you give the public a minimum of 5 days notice to review the maps before this hearing. I also want those who draw the maps to explain why they drew them as such, 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 millions of taxpayer dollars and years of lawsuits.

Thank you.

