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Message:

I am a resident of Congressional District 29 and write today to express my strong opposition to conducting redistricting during the 2025 Special Legislative Session.

Redistricting is a deeply consequential process that directly impacts voter representation, community stability, and public trust in our democratic institutions. It is especially concerning that this redistricting effort is proceeding without the public having access to the proposed new district maps. Asking Texans to weigh in without showing us what is actually being considered is not transparent, not democratic, and not fair.

Redistricting in Texas was already completed in 2021. There is still pending litigation from that process, which could meaningfully affect how new maps are drawn. Rushing to redraw boundaries before that case is resolved only invites further lawsuits and costs, paid for by taxpayer dollars that could be better used for urgent needs like disaster relief, grid improvements, or emergency preparedness.

This rushed process will also create confusion among voters ahead of the November elections and the 2026 midterms. Election educators like myself rely on stable district lines to prepare voters for fair and efficient elections. Mid-cycle redistricting introduces instability that undermines confidence and increases the burden on those tasked with upholding election integrity.

As a constituent of CD 29, I've relied on my elected representative during emergencies, most recently during Hurricane Beryl when my power was out for 11 days. I contacted my Member of Congress, who helped escalate the issue with CenterPoint Energy and brought attention to the challenges in my area. Changing district boundaries now risks disrupting these essential relationships between constituents and their elected officials, just when trust and continuity are most needed.

If we allow redistricting now, just four years after the last maps were passed, what prevents future legislatures from redrawing maps at will to serve political goals rather than community needs? Redistricting must be done thoughtfully, in a limited and appropriate timeframe, not whenever power dynamics shift.

I urge the Legislature to prioritize more pressing statewide needs during this 30-day session

and postpone any redistricting efforts until a full, transparent process can be guaranteed. Texas voters deserve stable, equitable representation and a redistricting process that upholds the principles of democracy, not undermines them.