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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I'm strongly against the the plan to redraw district maps. This legislation, if passed, would be a profound setback for democratic representation in Texas. It is not just a matter of political disagreement; it is an attack on the fundamental principle of fair and equal representation. I'm against the plan to redistrict Texas because it is a mid-decade power grab, it systematically silences communities of color, and it is a blatant act of racial gerrymandering that leads to further voter disenfranchisement.

First, the very process by which we are here today is an affront to the democratic process. This is an unusual and unnecessary mid-decade redistricting effort. We draw new maps every ten years to account for population changes shown in the census, but a mid-decade re-drawing serves no such purpose. Instead, it is a clear attempt to subvert the will of the voters and lock in political power. It reduces the importance of voter participation and makes it less likely that the problems ordinary working people really care about will be addressed.

Additionally, this bill overwhelmingly impacts communities of color in our state. The maps proposed are designed to dilute the voting strength of our state's growing and diverse population. This is not how a representative democracy should function. As a state where 60% of our population are people of color, we deserve to have representatives that reflect our experiences and advocate for our needs. These maps only ensure a lack of accountability by silencing a significant portion of our communities.

Finally, the map are racial gerrymandering disguised as partisan gerrymandering, and those who support this should be ashamed. When districts are drawn to intentionally weaken the voting power of communities, it is a clear violation of our nation's voting rights laws. It sends a message that the votes of some Texans matter more than others—which is patently false. This isn't just about party politics; it is about ensuring every citizen has a voice.

I urge you to consider the long-term damage this bill will do to the trust that Texans have in our government. We need maps that are fair, transparent, and that truly represent the people of this state. We need maps that empower communities, not silence them.

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