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Message:

Dear Senate Committee,

This letter expresses concern and opposition to the proposed redistricting of congressional and legislative maps in Texas during the current special session. Redrawing maps outside the standard 10-year census cycle raises questions about fairness and transparency. Any adjustments should prioritize fair representation over partisan advantage, despite the Department of Justice's recent concerns about potential racial gerrymandering in some districts. Efforts perceived as solely aimed at securing additional Republican seats, as some Republican leaders have stated [<https://www.khou.com/article/news/local/texas/houston-texas-congressional-redistricting/285-45f8fb9d-3d4b-476c-9d92-c6b0eeb6da75>], can undermine public trust.

A redistricting process that is truly representative and responsive to Texas' growing diversity is deserved. The current maps have faced legal challenges, alleging that they dilute the voting power of communities of color. New maps must respect the Voting Rights Act and ensure all Texans have a fair opportunity to elect their representatives, according to Common Cause Texas [<https://www.commoncause.org/texas/work/fair-maps-texas-action-committee-v-abbott/>].

Consider the long-term implications of this mid-decade redistricting effort. Prioritizing partisan gain instead of the people's needs sets a dangerous precedent and threatens electoral process integrity. Prioritizing public input, transparency, and an independent redistricting commission would be a more responsible approach to ensure fair maps that reflect voters' will, according to the League of Women Voters of Texas [<https://lwvtexas.org/Redistricting>].

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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