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Message:

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing as a deeply concerned constituent of Texas Congressional District 18. I strongly oppose the current redistricting push, particularly given that proposed maps have not been released to the public for review or feedback. This lack of transparency undermines the legitimacy of the entire process.

Texas has added well over 3 millions residents since 2020, reaching a population of more than 31 million people, which accounts for a growth rate of roughly 7.3% since the 2020 Census. Much of this expansion occurs in the Texas Triangle, which now houses 68% of the state's population.

That growth is reshaping our electorate— and ideally, maps should follow the will of that demographic change. Instead, what we see is a partisan-driven effort to redraw lines favoring incumbents and altering the natural expression of new voter clusters. District 18, still without an elected representative following the passing of Sylvester Turner, is especially vulnerable. My district is without a voice in the ver process that determines how our voice will be heard in the future. This vacancy continues to leave residents without a voice precisely when representation matters most. That is unacceptable. The lack of public access to the proposed maps only compounds this issue. How can a process that directly impacts our representation be conducted behind closed doors? It is both frustrating and disheartening to witness attempts to draw district maps in a way that seems to deliberately diminish voting power certain Texans.

This process should be grounded in fairness and demographic realities— not in strategic manipulation for partisan advantage.

Redistricting should:

— Reflect actual voter population trends across growing metropolitan areas.

- Be conducted with full public access to proposed maps drafts.
- Include opportunities for informed public hearings and feedback.

Until the process becomes fully transparent and inclusive, I urge that the redistricting effort be paused. In the meantime, please ensure that any new maps fairly represent the current and projected populations shifts. Texans deserve fair representation— not manipulation behind closed doors. When maps are drawn to protect incumbents or political parties rather than serve the needs and realities of the population, it erodes the foundation of our democracy. I respectfully request that you prioritize accountability and transparency over political advantage in shaping our future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lauren Parish
Constituent, District 18

