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Message:

Dear Chair King and Senate Committee Members:

Today, July 24, the Legal Defense Fund, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, the Barbara Jordan Leadership Institute, and the Houston Area Urban League submitted public testimony via email correspondence to you regarding the mid-decade congressional redistricting that is being considered during the special legislative session of the 89th Texas Legislature. We are also submitting that testimony as an attachment here through the Committee's website portal for public testimony.

As our fuller testimony details, we oppose any mid-decade congressional redistricting for three reasons. First, access to congressional representation for Black voters and other voters of color should not be further weakened with any new line drawing based on any contradictory positions Texas takes on the role that the race of voters played in the 2021 congressional map's development. Second, the Texas Legislature should not rely on the U.S. Department of Justice's flawed legal theories to conduct mid-decade congressional redistricting. Third, attempting to complete any mid-decade congressional redistricting during the upcoming special legislative session increases the risk of a rushed and non-transparent process and limits meaningful public participation. For these reasons, we urge the Texas Legislature to refrain from conducting mid-decade congressional redistricting under these circumstances. We also urge the Legislature to not line draw in any way that further harms Black Texan voters and other voters of color and risks further damage to those communities.

We request that a Committee member or staff member confirm receipt of this public testimony submission through this online portal.

Sincerely,
Leah Aden

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