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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Leatrice Shacks, and I am a resident of the 2nd Congressional District in Houston. I am submitting public comment to express my deep concern about the lack of transparency and integrity in this mid-decade redistricting effort.

My parents were born in the 1940s and lived through the fight for voting rights. Because of their experience, I was raised to treat voting as sacred. I grew up going to the polls with them—not because the process was easy, but because they understood what it meant to live in a community without a voice. That legacy is part of who I am, and it's why I feel compelled to submit this comment today.

To witness this state push forward a rushed, opaque redistricting process—just a few years after the maps were already redrawn in 2021 following the Census—is not only disheartening, it is a painful reminder that the fight for fair representation is far from over.

Texans deserve better.
Communities deserve time,
information, and a real
opportunity to engage—not three
days’ notice, with no public
maps, and no clear justification
for why these changes are
happening.

At a time when residents in the
18th District are still without
representation, and families in
the Hill Country continue to wait
for flood relief, this effort
feels like a clear misplacement
of priorities.

I respectfully urge this
Committee to:

Publicly explain why the maps are
being redrawn mid-decade;

Make all communications and
justifications for redistricting
decisions available to the
public;

Conduct an independent analysis
of how the proposed changes will
impact communities of color;

And commit to holding a second
public hearing once maps are
available, and before any vote
occurs.

My family’s sacrifice taught me
the value of having a voice in
our democracy. I offer this
comment in the hope that this
body will choose to honor that
history—and the future of the
communities you represent—by
ensuring this process is fair,
transparent, and inclusive.

Thank you for your time and
consideration.

Sincerely,
Leatrice Shacks

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