



Date: 2025-07-28
First Name: Marilee
Last Name: Hayden
Title: n/a
Organization: Self
Address: [REDACTED]
City: Frisco
State: TX
Zipcode: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I'm writing today to oppose mid-decade redistricting in Texas.

Texans value freedom and fairness. We expect our government to be transparent and accountable. Mid-decade redistricting violates all of these principles.

We already live under some of the most gerrymandered maps in the country. During the July 25 Senate hearing, a witness testified that while only 40% of Texans are white, they control over 70% of congressional districts. How is that fair? And how can we call ourselves free if our districts don't reflect the communities we live in?

I live in Congressional District 3, in Frisco—a diverse, suburban city. Yet I've been lumped into a district that includes rural towns like Quinlan, Commerce, Lonestar, Merit, Floyd, Celeste, Cash, and Neylandville. My part of Frisco shares nothing in common with those communities in terms of demographics, infrastructure, or policy needs.

If you wanted representative government, you would have kept suburban communities like Frisco, Plano, McKinney, and Richardson together. Instead, we've been carved up and diluted. Our votes are overwhelmed by areas that do not share our priorities. And as a result, our power is taken away.

My representative, Keith Self, isn't responsive to his constituents—because he doesn't have to be. The maps were drawn to shield him from accountability. This isn't theoretical. It's my reality. If he responds to me, it's a form letter that rarely addresses the key points I made.

Even now, you're holding redistricting hearings without releasing proposed maps. That is not transparency. It's not accountability. It's not fairness.

And it's not Texas.

Texans are known for our grit, our belief in standing up to bullies, and our refusal to be pushed around. But if Texas Republicans draw maps that further concentrate power in the hands of a white minority—despite the state's changing demographics—then they're not standing up to Washington. They're being Washington—pushing Texans around and undermining the will of the people right here at home.

Do not redraw these maps mid-decade. Do not silence Texans.

Honor our values. Respect our communities. Protect our democracy.

ComputerIP:

