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Date: 2025-07-24

First Name: Mary

Last Name: Baker

Title: Mrs.

Organization: self

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City: Austin

State: Texas

Zipcode: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Mary Diane Baker and I am a retired certified Church Business Administrator. I am a constituent of Lloyd Doggett and I vote in every election. As a Texan, I wish that this legislature would work on empowering voting and making voting easier. Instead, I am here to testify against this horrible attempt to redraw our congressional districts in the middle of the decade. I live in the Canyon Creek neighborhood of far northwest Austin, Texas, a minority majority neighborhood filled with extremely knowledgeable people from the tech industry. I was happy my children grew up in an area with such diversity. I share schools, community events, and life with these neighbors and I should share representatives with them, not with Brenham and Houston suburbs like we did when our little neighborhood was gerrymandered into Michael McCall's district previously. While I am white, my relatives who live or have lived in Texas are of many colors and ethnic origins. I have seen their votes diluted by gerrymandering. In a minority majority state, this legislature should draw more representative opportunity districts for communities of color, not less. You need to take months or at least weeks to go through this process and visit all parts of the state, not just a few selected areas. This work should not be squeezed into five days where new maps are not shown until the last minute. As a member of the Canyon Creek community of far Northwest Austin, I ask this committee to be fair and transparent and not be the passive tools of someone who is becoming increasingly unpopular who wants five more Republican districts. Regimes never last forever and you should think about how you want to be remembered when this one ends. Fair and transparent or "I was just doing as I was told."

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