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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Mary Trotty, and I am a 97-year-old lifelong Houstonian living in the historic Sunnyside community of Harris County, currently represented by Congressional District 9 and once by Congressional District 18 under the leadership of the Honorable Barbara Jordan and later Mickey Leland. I am writing to strongly oppose the mid-decade redistricting plan now under consideration.

For decades, CD 18 has been a protected minority seat, giving Black, Latino, and Asian American voters in Houston the ability to elect candidates who reflect our values and fight for our communities. I have lived long enough to see the tremendous impact that fair representation has on the lives of everyday people. Barbara Jordan, Mickey Leland, Craig Washington, Sheila Jackson Lee, and most recently Sylvester Turner all carried the torch for us. They ensured that the voices of communities like Sunnyside were heard in Washington.

But today, we stand with no representation at all. Since the passing of Representative Turner, CD 18 has been vacant for nearly eight months, leaving tens of thousands of Houstonians without a voice in Congress. During that time, a federal tax bill—passed by the narrowest of margins—threatens to remove even more Texans from Medicaid in a state that already has the highest uninsured rate in the nation. Without representation, our concerns were silenced, and our needs were ignored.

This mid-decade redistricting plan is another attack on communities of color. By “packing and cracking”

us apart, the state continues to dilute our political power and undermine our right to elect candidates of our choice. For those of us who remember when Barbara Jordan first took office, this is not just a political maneuver—it is a betrayal of everything she stood for.

I urge this committee to reject mid-decade redistricting and wait until the 2030 Census to redraw maps. Give voters in CD 18 and CD 9 and across Texas the fair representation we deserve. Honor the legacy of Barbara Jordan and uphold the principles of democracy that so many of us have fought for across generations.

Thank you for listening to my voice, and the voices of my neighbors, who refuse to be silenced.

