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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

My name is Ramon Chavez, and I live in Buda, which lies in Congressional House District 35. It is absolutely unacceptable for both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees to be holding hearings without having maps available for public review in a timely manner. How do you expect citizens to actually participate in this process that is vital to ensure a fair and impartial map? The Legislature clearly plans to ignore public input and pass maps that discriminate against certain communities that legislators wish to ignore. Therefore, I am asking that this Committee commit to holding a public hearing after the maps have been drawn but before they pass through committee. You must also give the public a minimum of the required legal notice to review the maps for fairness and impartiality. I also want transparency in asking legislators who draw the maps to explain why they chose to draw them as they did. Furthermore, and in the interest of accountability, you should also retain and make available any communications or documents you use in the process of drawing these maps. The current process is a rushed exercise that is being used by certain officials for their own special interests and ambitions while simultaneously ignoring the will of the people. The current attempt to redistrict our congressional districts mid-census is the latest effort at a broader, more concerning strategy aimed at suppressing citizen voices. I cite for you the removal of more than one million voters from Texas voter rolls in August 2024. It comes as no surprise that the latest redistricting scheme is a further attempt to tip the scales. More lawsuits will follow, adding to the legal challenges that are already underway. How much has this already cost Texas taxpayers? And how much will it cost us in the legal challenges that are sure to follow because of the current scheme? We should be making much more efficient use of state funds such as flood control and warning systems rather than the cost of litigation that will go on for years. Get your priorities straight. Remember that you work for the people and all Texans.

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