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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

I'm a concerned citizen testifying today in strong opposition to this redistricting effort.

What's happening here is a blatant power grab. This process is designed to silence the very Texans who make this state vibrant, especially in our majority-minority communities. It's an insult that we are being asked to testify before maps have even been drawn. That kind of sloppiness doesn't speak to transparency or public service — it speaks to a backroom deal already made. This is not governance. It's manipulation.

And let's be clear: these maps aren't about Texans — they're about Trump. Why are we using Texas tax dollars and legislative time to push a political agenda that doesn't reflect the will of our people? The districts being targeted are in our metroplexes — the economic engines of Texas — which generate the bulk of our state's \$2.6 trillion GDP. Undermining the voices of these communities isn't just unjust, it's economically reckless.

We should be laser focused on honoring the Texans who just lost their lives in devastating floods. Our resources should be strengthening emergency systems and protecting lives, not suppressing votes. This is a gross overreach, and Texans see right through it. We will not be quiet while our communities are carved up for political convenience.

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