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Message:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the currently proposed Texas redistricting plan. Redistricting is a vital process that should promote fair and equitable representation for all constituents. Unfortunately, the current proposal undermines these principles in several significant ways.

1. Dilution of Minority Voting Power:

The proposed map appears to intentionally dilute the voting power of minority communities. By splitting neighborhoods and communities of interest, the redistricting plan minimizes the ability of these groups to elect representatives who truly reflect their interests and needs. This gerrymandering practice disenfranchises voters and perpetuates systemic inequalities.

2. Lack of Transparency and Public Input:

The process by which this map was drawn has lacked transparency and genuine public engagement. Many stakeholders, particularly those from marginalized communities, were not provided adequate opportunities to voice their concerns or contribute to the redistricting process. A democratic system thrives on participation, and the proposed plan fails to foster this essential element.

3. Inaccurate Representation:

The proposed districts do not align with natural community boundaries, which often leads to misrepresentation. When districts are drawn without regard to the demographics and interests of the population, elected officials may not accurately represent the needs of their constituents. This disconnect can lead to disillusionment with the political process and decreased voter turnout.

4. Potential Legal Challenges:

The proposed redistricting plan could face significant legal challenges due to its potential violation of the Voting Rights Act. Drawing districts that discriminate against certain populations not only undermines the democratic process but also exposes the state to costly litigation.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the proposed Texas redistricting plan is harmful and does not promote equitable and accurate representation. I urge lawmakers to reconsider this proposal and engage in a more

inclusive and transparent process that prioritizes the voices of all Texans, particularly those from historically underrepresented communities. Thank you for considering my testimony on this important issue.

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