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Message:

My name is Tiffany D. Thomas, Council Member for Houston's District F—one of the most racially, economically, and linguistically diverse districts in the state of Texas.

I submit this statement for the record in strong opposition to the proposed mid-decade redistricting efforts, particularly the targeting of Texas's 9th Congressional District, represented by Congressman Al Green.

What's happening here is not redistricting in service of fairness or representation—it's political redesign for partisan advantage. And communities like mine bear the burden.

TX-09 is not just a boundary on a map. It is a coalition of working families, elders, new Americans, renters, homeowners, and small business owners who rely on stable, responsive leadership.

For decades, Congressman Green has shown up with resources when it mattered most—delivering federal rent relief during the

COVID-19 pandemic, championing disaster recovery funds after Hurricane Harvey and Winter Storm Uri, and most recently advocating for support in the wake of Hurricane Beryl. These investments saved homes, stabilized neighborhoods, and ensured that the most vulnerable among us were not left behind.

To redraw the lines of this district is to destabilize hard-earned progress. In District F, we're already split between TX-07 and TX-09, a fragmentation that weakens voter power and fractures community cohesion. Further slicing TX-09 introduces confusion among voters and undermines faith in a system already viewed as distant and unresponsive.

This redistricting effort risks turning communities of interest into political collateral. It prioritizes allegiance to power over accountability to people. And it threatens to erase the voices of the very Texans who carry the weight of recovery, growth, and civic participation.

We cannot afford to treat representation like a zero-sum game. Congressional districts should reflect the people in them, not the politics above them.

I urge this body to halt these efforts. Preserve the integrity of TX-09. Protect Houston's diverse, emerging electorate from yet another disempowering policy decision. Voters deserve clarity, continuity, and a government that listens—without being redrawn out of relevance.

Respectfully,

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