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Regarding: Congressional

Message:

Good morning, Senator King and members of the Senate Special Committee on Congressional Redistricting. My name is Traci Latson, and I live in Houston, Texas.

I am opposed to ANY legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan in light of constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice.

I have the right to fair and equal representation, which is achieved through a thoughtful, transparent redistricting process that allows for meaningful public input. A rushed 30-day special session packed with unrelated agenda items is not the way to achieve this.

Is this even a legitimate special session without the release of the proposed electoral map? My state representatives should have the necessary information to create legally compliant district maps that protect minority voting rights, respect county lines and city boundaries, and preserve communities of interest. All Texans should have the right to review the proposed map.

Therefore, I urge Congress to:

*Not to use this special session to redraw congressional maps to give the GOP an edge in next year's midterm elections. Instead, focus this special session on flood recovery efforts and fund flood safety measures that will keep all Texans safe.

*Oppose any mid-decade redistricting of the electoral map, especially while the current electoral maps are still being challenged in court.

*Prevent communities of color from being deliberately divided, thereby weakening their political voice. After all, Texas has a long history of racial gerrymandering and discriminatory voting practices.

*To demonstrate transparency by releasing the proposed electoral maps to state Senators and the public for review.

*Provide more public hearings! Four hearings, with a time limit of five hours, are insufficient to hear from the millions of Texas voters who will be affected by this.

I deserve to have a redistricting process that is fair, transparent, and results in fair representation for all, not this rushed and deeply flawed process. Thank you for allowing me to submit my public testimony against ANY legislation that provides a revised congressional redistricting plan in light of constitutional concerns raised by the U.S. Department of

Justice. And for urging you to prioritize flood recovery efforts and fund flood safety measures for all Texans.

Sincerely,
Tracy Latson

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