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Regarding: Congressional

Message:
“Gerrymandering Hurts Veterans, Kills Trust in the VA”
Subject: This Map Cuts Veterans Out of Their Communities

To the House and Senate Redistricting Committees:

I’m Vaughn Mathias, a USAF veteran, a Texas resident of Austin, Tx and a proud member of Common Defense. I’m writing today in fierce opposition to the proposed redistricting map. You’ve released a map that surgically removes Black, Brown, and working-class communities from real representation. Veterans live in those same neighborhoods. We send our kids to the same schools, rely on the same roads, and go to the same clinics. When you draw maps to weaken those communities, you’re also weakening veteran power — our ability to fight for better VA clinics, protect our benefits, and push back on privatization attempts. We see what’s happening. You’re targeting communities that have stood up and organized — including veterans who’ve been leading the VA Not for Sale campaign across the state. This isn’t about fairness — it’s about silencing the people who fight back. I risked my life for this country. I shouldn’t have to risk my vote, too.

Respectfully,
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